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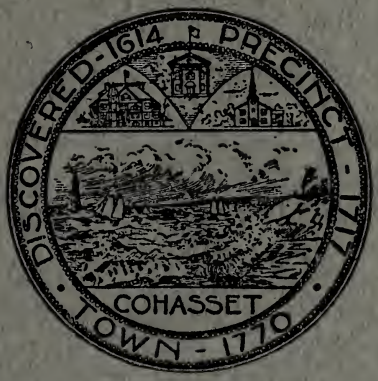

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One Hundred and Forty-Seventh Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET

AND THE

REPORTS OF OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1916

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*The report of the Board of Health should have been signed by the three members, but accidentally the names of Irving F. Sylvester and Warren T. Snow were omitted.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1916-17.

Town Clerk

HARRY F. TILDEN . .	Term expires March, 1917

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

HARRY E. MAPES . .	Term expires March, 1919
WILLIAM O. SOUTHER, Jr. .	Term expires March, 1917
HERBERT L. BROWE . .	Term expires March, 1918

Treasurer and Collector

NEWCOMB B. TOWER

Highway Surveyor

GEORGE JASON

Constables

SIDNEY L. BEAL — JOHN T. KEATING
HENRY E. BRENNOCK — LOUIS J. MORRIS
EDWARD E. WENTWORTH

Tree Warden

GEORGE YOUNG

School Committee

EDITH M. BATES . . .	Term expires March, 1917
EVAN P. WENTWORTH . .	Term expires March, 1917
GEORGE JASON, Jr. . .	Term expires March, 1918
SHELDON N. RIPLEY . .	Term expires March, 1918
DARIUS W. GILBERT . .	Term expires March, 1919
THOMAS H. STEVENS . .	Term expires March, 1919

Trustees of Public Library

EDITH M. BATES	Term expires March, 1917
MARTHA P. HOWE	Term expires March, 1917
Dr. OLIVER P. HOWE	Term expires March, 1917
FLORENCE N. BATES	Term expires March, 1918
SARAH B. COLLIER	Term expires March, 1918
BURGESS C. TOWER	Term expires March, 1918
GEORGE W. COLLIER	Term expires March, 1919
EDWARD NICHOLS	Term expires March, 1919
EDWARD H. TOWER	Term expires March, 1919

Board of Health

IRVING F. SYLVESTER	Term expires March, 1917
WARREN F. SNOW	Term expires March, 1918
Dr. GEORGE OSGOOD	Term expires March, 1919

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN FOR 1916-17

Field Drivers

SIDNEY L. BEAL — JOHN KENNEDY
IRA BATES — EZEKIEL L. JAMES

Fence Viewers

EDWIN BATES — THOMAS A. ROCHE
GEORGE JASON

Public Weighers and Weighers of Coal

GEORGE P. TOWER — CORNELIUS KENNEY
GERTRUDE C. LOCKE — MARY P. TOWER
JOSEPH A. VALINE — NEWCOMB B. TOWER

Public Weighers

HERBERT L. BROWN — E. HAROLD BROWN
DAVID W. HOMER

Pound Keeper

JAMES H. PINKHAM

Auctioneers

GEORGE F. SARGENT, Jr.
JOSEPH E. GRASSIE
THOMAS L. BATES
AUGUST F. B. PETERSON
EDWARD E. WENTWORTH
WILLIAM O. SOUTHER, Jr.

Measurers of Wood and Bark

EZEKIEL L. JAMES
FRANKLIN BEAL
ELMER E. BATES
ARTHUR O. HIGGINS

Surveyors of Lumber

JOSEPH A. VALINE
ARTHUR O. HIGGINS

Harbor Master

MANUEL S. ENOS

Assistant Harbor Master

JOHN W. BRENNOCK

Inspector of Wires

GEORGE JASON, Jr.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

CALEB NICHOLS

Chief of Police

THOMAS L. BATES

Police Officer

FRANK JASON

Animal Inspector

Dr. D. W. GILBERT

Board of Fire Engineers

HENRY E. BRENNOCK THOMAS A. ROCHE
GEORGE JASON SIDNEY L. BEAL
GEORGE F. SARGENT, Jr.

Special Police

LOUIS J. MORRIS JOHN T. KEATING
HENRY E. BRENNOCK *JOHN FLEMMING
* IRA G. ADAMS

* To serve without pay from the town.

Forest Warden

WILLIAM J. BRENNOCK

Moth Superintendent

JOSEPH E. GRASSIE

Registrars of Voters

THOMAS W. DOYLE . . Term expires May, 1917
HENRY E. SWEENEY . . Term expires, May, 1918
BARTHOLOMEW DALY . . Term expires May, 1919
HARRY F. TILDEN, ex officio Clerk of Board

Burial Agent

THOMAS L. BATES

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF HEALTH

Inspector of Slaughtering

DARIUS W. GILBERT, V. S.

Inspector of Milk and Vinegar

DARIUS W. GILBERT, V. S.

Undertaker

WARREN F. SNOW.

TOWN OF COHASSET

REPORT OF

THE TOWN CLERK

For Year Ending

DECEMBER 31, 1916

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

TOWN RECORDS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6, 1916

At the Annual Election of Town Officers held this day the following vote was declared.

ARTICLE 1. Chose Harry E. Mapes, Moderator, to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. Total vote cast was 763, of which 602 were regular ballots and 161 special ballots "For School Committee only."

Selectmen for three years

Harry E. Mapes had	306
William H. McGaw had	277
Blanks	19

Assessor for three years

Harry E. Mapes had	303
William H. McGaw had	278
Blanks	21

Overseer of Poor for three years

Harry E. Mapes had	305
William H. McGaw had	271
Blanks	26

Treasurer

Newcomb B. Tower had	486
John W. Sidney had	1
Blanks	115

Collector of Taxes

Paul J. Bates had	286
Newcomb B. Tower had	294
Blanks	22

Highway Surveyor

George Jason had	316
Frank W. Wheelwright had	279
Blanks	7

School Committee for three years

Darius W. Gilbert had	432
Edward A. Mulvey had	508
Thomas A. Stevens had	405
Blanks	381

Constables

Sidney L. Beal had	372
Henry E. Brennock had	376
John T. Keating had	423
Louis J. Morris had	396
Edward E. Wentworth had	366
Blanks	1077

Tree Warden

Joseph E. Grassie had	288
George Young had	300
Blanks	14

Trustees of Public Library for three years

George W. Collier had	358
Edward Nichols had	380
Edward H. Tower had	369
Blanks	699

Board of Health for three years

Dr. George Osgood had	361
Dr. Edward H. Schott had	186
Blanks	55

License Question

Yes	246
No	299
Blanks	57

Voted that this meeting be adjourned until Monday, March 13, at 10 o'clock A. M.

COHASSET, MARCH, 13, 1916

At an adjourned meeting of the voters of the town of Cohasset held this day, the several articles were acted upon as follows:

ARTICLE 3. To choose all Town Officers not required to be elected by ballot.

Voted that all Town Officers not required to be elected by ballot be appointed by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 4. To act upon the reports of the Town Clerk, Town Accountant, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Collector and Treasurer, Treasurer of the Public Library, Directors of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, Board of Health, Board of Fire Engineers, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Wires and Selectmen on Guideboards.

Voted that all the above reports as printed in town report be accepted.

What sums of money will the Town raise and appropriate for the following:

ARTICLE 5. Town Officers.

Voted that the sum of $5100 be raised and appropriated. Salaries to be same as last year except a $100 reduction in each Selectman and Treasurer.

ARTICLE 6. Law—Legal Counsel.

Voted that the sum of $300 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 7. Engineering.

Voted that the sum of $300 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 8. Town Hall.

Voted that the sum of $1100 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 9. Printing.

Voted that the sum of $850 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 10. Water for Hydrants and Public Buildings.

Voted that the sum of $4400 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 11. Police Department.

Voted that the sum of $4000 be raised and appropriated for salaries and expenses of Police Department for the ensuing year, and the automobile owned by Department be sold for not less than $500, said amount to be returned to the treasury.

ARTICLE 12. Fire Department.

Voted that the sum of $4820 be raised and appropriated, and that of this amount one thousand dollars ($1000) be expended under the Board of Engineers for the purpose of repairs to the fire house at the cove, said repairs to consist of installing a new heating plant and such other repairs as in their judgment are most necessary.

ARTICLE 13. Forest Fires.

Voted that the sum of $700 be raised and appropriated, $200 of which shall be toward Watch Tower.

ARTICLE 14. Moth Suppression.

Voted that the sum of $3950.36 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 15. Tree Warden.

Voted that the sum of $600 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 16. Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Voted that the sum of $200 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 17. Inspection of Wires.

Voted that the sum of $500 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 18. Board of Health.

Voted that the sum of $1464 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 19. Straits Pond, Cat Dam, etc.

Voted that the sum of $500 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 20. Inspection of Animals.

Voted that the sum of $125 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 21. Highways, including Oiling Streets.

Voted to raise and appropriate $20,000, $450 of which shall be expended on Smith's Place; also such other amounts as may be necessary to complete work under Article 43.

ARTICLE 22. Removing Snow.

Voted that the sum of $3500 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 23. Electric Street Lights.

Voted that the sum of $6910.40 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 24. Fore River Bridge.

Voted that the sum of $130 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 25. Harbor Maintenance.

Voted that the sum of $350 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 26. Charities—Cohasset Home, Outside Poor and General Administration.

Voted that the sum of $8000 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 27. Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief.

Voted that the sum of $650 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 28. State and Military Aid.

Voted that the sum of $200 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 29. Education including Transportation of Scholars.

Voted that the sum of $37,976 be raised and appropriated as recommended by School Committee.

ARTICLE 30. Libraries.

Voted that the sum of $2250 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 31. Town Commons.

Voted that the sum of $600 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 32. Memorial Day.

Voted that the sum of $350 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 33. Incidentials (including unclassified, etc.)

Voted that the sum of $2500 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 34. Interest.

Voted that the sum of $2000 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 35. Bonded Debt.

Voted that the sum of $8000 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 36. Will the Town authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire what money may be needed in anticipation of taxes of the current year to be paid as soon as money sufficient for the purpose is received?

Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning Jan. 1, 1916, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

ARTICLE 37. In what manner will the Town collect the taxes and at what time shall they be paid into the Treasury?

Voted that the taxes assessed for the current year shall be due and payable on the first day of September next; and on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next, interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from the first day of September to date of payment shall be added. The interest accruing under this vote shall be added to, and be a part of such taxes.

Article 38. What compensation will the Town allow the Collector of Taxes for the current year?

Voted that it be the same as last year namely $800.

Article 39. To hear the report of any Committee heretofore chosen or appointed and act thereon.

Voted that report on Fire Location be accepted, Committee discharged and new committee of three members be appointed by chair and report at next meeting. Herbert L. Brown, George F. Sargent Jr. and Elmer E. Bates committee appointed by chair.

Voted that Building Regulations Committee recommendations be submitted and printed in next warrant for town meeting.

Article 40. To see what action the Town will take to raise and appropriate $200 for the George Washington Memorial Building, Washington, D. C.

Voted that the sum of $200 be raised and appropriated for above purpose.

Article 41. To see if the Town will discontinue that part of Margin street which lies east of a line running at right angles to the southerly side line of said street, from a point where said southerly side line is intersected by the division line between land of Morton S. Crehore and land of Lewis A. Crossett, said point being about 115 feet east of an angle in said southerly side line, and being marked by a stone bound.

Voted that this article be indifinitely postponed.

Article 42. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1000 to continue the tax survey of the Town, or act on anything relating thereto.

Voted that $1000 be raised and appropriated for above purpose.

Article 43. Will the town accept the report of the Selectmen to alter, widen and lay out Smith Place from Ripley Road to the land of the railroad company, dated February 17, 1916, filed with the Town Clerk?

Voted that report be accepted, and expense of building same be taken from Highway appropriation.

Article 44. Darius W. Gilbert and others: To see if the town of Cohasset will vote to instruct the School Committee to conduct evening vocational courses under the provisions of Chapter 471 of the Acts of 1911, and Chapter 106 of the Acts of 1912, and any amendments thereto, and to appropriate the sum of $700 for the same.

Voted in the affirmative.

Article 45. Darius W. Gilbert and others: Will the town raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of safeguarding life and property from fire in the Osgood School building, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted that the sum of $3000 be raised and appropriated for above purpose.

Voted that we adjourn until 7:30 P. M. Met according to adjournment.

Article 46. Darius W. Gilbert and others: Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen hundred twenty-eight dollars and fifty cents ($1828.50) for the purpose of shingling the roof, necessary painting and repairing the chimneys on the Osgood School building?

Voted in the affirmative.

Article 47. Darius W. Gilbert and others: Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars for the purpose of procuring plans and specifications of a new school building, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted that a committee be appointed by the Moderator to act with the School Committee in considering the advisability of a new school building, said committee to report at a subsequent town meeting. Committee appointed by Moderator: Edward F. Willcutt, John A. Lawrence, Henry B. Pennell, Gilbert S. Tower and Oliver H. Howe.

Article 48. George Jason and others: Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of $450 to finish graveling Smith Place, also to blow out ledge on said place, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 49. George M. Ennice and others: Will the town raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to move the Guild Hall on to the town's property opposite where it is now located, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted that the sum of one thousand dollars be raised and appropriated to move the Guild Hall from its present location to the so-called Thompson Park, across the street, and that the Selectmen be instructed to let said hall after it is moved and repaired at a yearly rental of not less than 10 per cent of the cost of moving and repairing.

Article 50. Henry B. Kimball and others: Will the town instruct its Town Clerk to make a certified copy of the town records where the town voted "that Selectmen lay out road from Merchants Dam to Hommony Point wharves," also record of vote where the town voted to pay the land damages and build a bridge at Merchants Run (or dam) provided the petitioners build the road at their own expense and continue it through to the wharves at Hommony Point," and all other town records in regard to Margin Street and Hommony Point; the Town Clerk immediately to give the certified records to the town counsel; and the town counsel to be instructed to use same to protect the Public Rights at Hommony Point, so called, in the Land Court in case of Lewis A. Crossett, petitioner, now before that court, or act on anything relating thereto.

Voted that the Town Clerk assisted by the Town Accountant and Henry B. Kimball be instructed to make a type written certified copy of all the town records, pertaining to Margin street and Hommony Point. The Town Clerk immediately to give the certified copy of said records to the town counsel, and the town counsel be instructed to use the same to protect the public rights

at Hommony Point, so called, in the land court, in the case of Lewis A. Crossett, petitioner, now before that court, and that the Selectmen be instructed to employ Charles H. Gannett of Boston or Henry Litchfield of Scituate, engineers to make a survey of Margin street from Merchants Dam, or Atlantic avenue, to the easterly terminus of said street.

Article 51. Levi T. Lincoln and others: Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen dollars for the purpose of placing an electric light on Beechwood street at pole No. 46, near Reed's Corner.

Voted in the affirmative.

Article 52. Joseph H. Donovan and others: Will the town raise and appropriate a sum of money necessary to place an electric light on Oak street near residence of Joseph H. Donovan?

Voted that the sum of $18 be raised and appropriated for above purpose.

Article 53. Joseph E. Grassie and others: Will the town raise and appropriate $600 to purchase a spraying machine to be used in suppressing gypsy and brown-tail moths, said machine to cost $1200, one-half to be reimbursed by the State, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted in the affirmative.

Article 54. Oliver H. Howe and others: To see if the town will revoke its acceptance of the provisions of Section 336 of Chapter 11, of the Revised Laws relative to the election of a Highway Surveyor, said provision having been accepted at a special meeting, held April 10, 1908, or act on anything relating thereto.

Voted in the negative.

Article 55. To hear the report of the Committee on Building Regulations and act on anything relating thereto.

Voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 56. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen on the layout of Hull street from the residence of Dennis Long, (house owned by Timothy E. Byrnes), northerly to the junction of Jerusalem road.

Voted in the negative.

Voted that the thanks of this meeting be extended to the Moderator for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over it.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, APRIL 25, 1916.

Total vote cast 117 as follows:
Democratic, 12; Republican, 103; void, 2.

DEMOCRATIC VOTE

Delegates at Large

David I. Walsh of Fitchburg had	11
Joseph H. O'Neil of Boston had	10
Humphrey O'Sullivan of Lowell had	10
Charles B. Strecker of Boston had	10
Blanks	7

Alternate Delegates at large

H. Oscar Rocheleau of Worcester had	10
Edmund D. Codman of Boston had	11
Vincent Brogna of Boston had	10
Thomas F. Higgins of Fall River had	10
Blanks	7

District Delegates—Sixteenth District

Elzear H. Choquette of New Bedford had	7
Daniel S. Considine of New Bedford had	4
Thomas C. Thacher of Yarmouth had	10
Blanks	3

Alternate District Delegates

J. E. Grassie had	1
Henry Sweeney had	1
Blanks	22

REPUBLICAN VOTE

Delegates at Large

Grafton D. Cushing of Boston had	44
Charles Sumner Bird of Walpole had	40
Augustus P. Gardner of Hamilton had	41
Robert M. Washburn of Worcester had	36
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester had	62
Henry Cabot Lodge of Nahant had	58
John W. Weeks of Newton had	51
Winthrop M. Crane of Dalton had	53
Blanks	27

Alternate Delegates at Large

Alexander McGregor of Boston had	29
Lombard Williams of Dedham had	31
Daniel Cosgrove of Lowell had	29
William M. Armstrong of Somerville had	31
Butler Ames of Lowell had	48
Louis A. Frothingham of Boston had	49
Eben S. S. Keith of Bourne had	47
Frank W. Stearns of Newton had	49
Blanks	99

District Delegates—Sixteenth District

Charles L. Gifford of Barnstable had	40
Thomas F. Glennon of New Bedford had	38
Walter H. Langshaw of New Bedford had	33
Francis T. Bowles or Barnstable had	36
Blanks	59

Alternate District Delegates

John W. Churchill of Plymouth had	36
Thomas Thompson of New Bedford had	32
Charles M. Robbins of Harwich had	33
Morton Collingwood of Plymouth had	31
Blanks	74

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 28, 1916

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset, held this evening at 7:30 P. M., the following articles were acted upon as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose Harry E. Mapes Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Frank F. Martin, Jr., and others: Will the the town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (2000) for police protection, said amount to be in additlon to the amount already voted at the annual meeting in March, 1916?

Voted in the negative.

ARTICLE 3. Clarence S. Reddy and others: Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars to maintain bathhouse on property of Joseph E. Grassie, near Gulf Mill Bridge on Border street, or act on anything relating thereto.

Voted in the negative.

ARTICLE 4. Will the town adopt the recommendation of the Building Regulations Committee submitted at the last annual meeting?

Voted that the following Building Regulations be adopted:

BUILDING REGULATIONS.

SECTION I. No building commonly known as a Three-flatter or Three-decker; that is, a three (3) family house of wooden construction, shall be built within the town limits, and no wooden building now in existence shall be remodelled to accommodate three (3) or more families, nor to be built onto to exceed two (2) stories in height above the cellar.

SECTION II. After the acceptance of this article, all apartment or tenement houses hereafter built designed to accommodate three (3) or more families, shall be built of fireproof construction throughout.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 24, 1916.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset, held this evening at 8 o'clock, the following articles were acted upon as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Choose Harry E. Mapes, moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To determine whether the town will accept the trusts contained in the wills of Edward Wheelwright, Isaphene M. Wheelwright and Henry A. Wheelwright for establishing and maintaining a public park in Cohasset, if the court shall determine that the said trusts shall be so carried into effect, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept the same on behalf of the town subject to such orders as the court may make.

Voted that the town will accept the trusts contained in the wills of Edward Wheelwright, Isaphene M. Wheelwright and Henry A. Wheelwright for establishing and maintaining a public park in Cohasset, if the courts shall determine that the said trusts shall be carried into effect, and the Selectman are hereby author-

ized to accept the same on behalf of the town, subject to such orders as the court may make, which in their opinion shall be satisfactory to the town.

Voted that we adjourn.

STATE PRIMARY VOTE, SEPTEMBER 26, 1916

REPUBLICAN VOTE

Governor

Samuel W. McCall of Winchester had	130
Blanks	52

Lieutenant Governor

Calvin Coolidge of Northampton had	119
Blanks	63

Secretary

Albert P. Langtry of Springfield had	113
Blanks	69

Treasurer

Charles L. Burrill of Boston had	111
Blanks	71

Auditor

Joseph B. Brown of Brookline had	43
Alonzo B. Cook of Boston had	71
Blanks	68

Attorney General

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn had	106
John J. Attridge	1
Blanks	75

Senator in Congress

Henry Cabot Lodge of Nahant had	108
Blanks	74

Congressman, Sixteenth District

John I. Bryant of Fairhaven had	6
William O. Souther Jr., of Cohasset had	112
Joseph Walsh, of New Bedford had	62
Blanks	2

Councillor, First District

David L. Parker of New Bedford had	109
Blanks	73

Senator, Norfolk and Plymouth District

Edward Baker of Marshfield had	53
Kenneth L. Nash of Weymouth had	50
George W. Pierce of Rockland had	4
Edward J. Sandberg of Quincy had	19
Blanks	56

Representative in General Court, 3rd Plymouth District

George S. Marsh, of Hingham had	112
Blanks	70

County Commissioner, Norfolk

Everett M. Bowker of Brookline had	109
Blanks	73

Associate Commissioners, Norfolk County

John Roche	1
A. L. Antone	1
Henry D. Humphrey	1
Samuel H. Capen	1
Blanks	360

District Attorney—Southeastern District

Frederick G. Katzmann of Walpole had	93
Blanks	89

Clerk of Courts—Norfolk

Louis A. Cook of Weymouth had	107
Blanks	75

Register of Deeds—Norfolk County

John H. Burdakin of Deham had	98
Blanks	84

State Committee—Norfolk and Plymouth District

James T. Kirby of Whitman had	68
Andrew H. Morrison of Quincy had	12
Blanks	102

Delegates to State Convention

Herbert L. Brown of Beechwood Street had	102
Anselm L. Beal of Hull street had	93
Blanks	169

Town Committee

Eugene N. Tower of Beach Street	101
Herbert L. Brown of Beechwood Street	100
Edward E. Wentworth of South Main Street	96
Fred L. Reed of Highland Avenue	94
Anselm L. Beal of Hull Street	96
Oliver H. Howe of North Main Street	97
Edward L. Stevens of Elm Street	95
Scattering	11
Blanks	575

DEMOCRATIC VOTE.

Governor.

Charles H. Cole of Boston had	17
Frederick W. Mansfield of Boston had	9
Blanks	0

Lieutenant-Governor.

Thomas P. Riley of Malden had	24
Blanks	2

Secretary.

Leon R. Eyges of Brookline had	21
Blanks	5

Treasurer.

Henry N. Teague of Williamstown had . . .	20
Blanks	6

Auditor.

John B. N. Soulliere of Worcester had	20
Blanks	6

Attorney-General.

Joseph Joyce Donahue of Medford had . . .	19
Blanks	7

Senator in Congress.

John F. Fitzgerald of Boston had	20
Blanks	6

Congressman—Sixteenth District.

Ralph W. Crosby of Barnstable had	14
Blanks	12

Councillor—First District.

Blanks	26

Senator,—Norfolk and Plymouth District.

George E. Mansfield, of Rockland had	15
Blanks	11

Representative in General Court
Third Plymouth District

William W. Burke of Hull had	7
Blanks	19

County Commissioner,—Norfolk

James E. Foley of Randolph had 10
Blanks 16

Associate Commissioners—Norfolk County

Blanks 52

District Attorney,—Southeastern District

Chester W. Ford of Rockland had 10
Blanks 16

Clerk of Courts,—Norfolk

Blanks 26

Register of Deeds,—Norfolk County

Blanks 26

State Committee,—Norfolk and Plymouth District

James A. Cody of Rockland had 10
William J. Sullivan of Quincy had 6
Blanks 10

Delegates to State Convention

Bartholomew Daley of Pleasant Street 16
Henry E. Sweeney of Bow Street 17
Blanks 19

Town Committee.

Bartholomew Daley of Pleasant Street had . . . 16
John J. Grassie of Cushing Road had 15
Joseph St. John of Main Street had 13
Henry E. Sweeney of Bow Street had 13
Cornelius Kenney of Pleasant Street had . . . 14
Joseph E. Grassie of South Main Street had . . . 13
Edward A. Mulvey of Pond Street had . . . 14
Daniel Donovan of Sohier Street had 12
Blanks 98

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7, 1916.

Electors of President and Vice-President.

Benson and Kirkpatrick, Socialist	3
Hanley and Landrith, Prohibition	2
Hughes and Fairbanks, Republican	307
Reimer and Harrison, Socialist Labor	1
Wilson and Marshall, Democratic	231
Blanks	49

Governor.

James Hayes of Plymouth had	4
Chester R. Lawrence of Boston had	6
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester had	231
Frederick W. Mansfield of Boston had	200
Dan A. White of Brockton had	5
Blanks	47

Lieutenant—Governor

Calvin Coolidge of Northampton had	323
Alfred H. Evans of Hadley had	7
Sylvester J. McBride of Watertown had	10
Thomas J. Maher of Medford had	1
Thomas P. Riley of Malden had	170
Blanks	82

Secretary

Thomas F. Brennan of Salem had	6
Leon R. Eyges of Brookline had	150
Louise Adams Grout of Boston had	7
Albert P. Langtry of Springfield had	333
Blanks	97

Treasurer

Charles L. Burrill of Boston had	327
Frederick E. Oelcher of Peabody had	6
Elam K. Sheldon of Greenfield had	6
Henry N. Teague of Williamstown had	148
Blanks	106

Auditor

Joseph Bearak of Boston had	11
Frank Bohmback of Boston had	7
Alonzo B. Cook of Boston had	317
John B. N. Soulliere of Worcester had	146
Blanks	112

Attorney-General

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn had	322
Joseph Joyce Donahue of Medford had	150
Joseph Jiskra of Milford had	3
John Weaver Sherman of Boston had	10
Blanks	103

Senator in Congress

John F. Fitzgerald of Boston had	196
Henry Cabot Lodge of Nahant had	316
William N. McDonald of Northampton had	10
Blanks	71

Congressman—Sixteenth District.

Ralph W. Crosby of Barnstable had	153
Joseph Walsh of New Bedford had	332
Blanks	108

Councillor—First District

Joseph M. Caldwell of Brockton had	26
David L. Parker of New Bedford had	336
Blanks	231

Senator—Norfolk and Plymouth District

Alonzo P. Henderson of Hanover had	6
George E. Mansfield of Rockland had	144
Kenneth L. Nash of Weymouth had	229
William O. Souther, Jr., of Cohasset had	180
Blanks	34

Representative in General Court—Third Plymouth District

George S. Marsh of Hingham	367
George Jason, Jr.	1
Blanks	225

County Commissioner—Norfolk County

Everett M. Bowker of Brookline	357
Alfred Sylvia	1
Blanks	235

Associate Commissioners—Norfolk County

Arthur B. Hayward of Braintree	200
Scattering	6
Blanks	980

District Attorney—Southeastern District.

Chester W. Ford of Rockland had	165
Frederick G. Katzmann of Walpole had	291
Robert A. Nutting of Brockton had	14
Blanks	129

Clerk of Courts.

Louis A. Cook of Weymouth had	334
Blanks	259

Register of Deeds.

Edward L. Burdakin of Dedham had	324
Blanks	269

Constitutional Amendment.

"Shall there be a convention to revise, alter or amend the constitution of the commonwealth?"

Yes	145
No	158
Blanks	290

New Years Day Act.

"Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, to make the first day of January, known as New Years Day, a legal holiday, be approved and become law?"

Yes	315
No	75
Blanks	203

Political Primary Act.

"Shall an act passed by the General Court, in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, entitled 'An Act to prevent the voters of one political party from voting in the primaries of another political party' be approved and become law?"

Yes	233
No	85
Blanks	275

Initiative and Referendum Act.

"Shall the Representative or Representatives from this district be instructed to support the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, providing for some form of the initiative and referendum which shall give to the voters the power to accept or reject statutes and constitutional amendments proposed to the Legislature by petition of a substantial number of citizens but rejected by it, and also the power, upon such petition, to reject measures passed by the Legislature?"

Yes	213
No	94
Blanks	286

TOWN CLERKS' CONVENTION

At the Town Clerks' Convention held at Hingham November 17, 1916, the following result was found:

	Hingham	Cohasset	Hull	Total
George S. Marsh of Hingham	791	367	202	1360
Thomas F. Dunn . .	1	0	0	1
J. W. Pyne . . .	1	0	0	1
M. Means . . .	1	0	0	1
Henry Burr . . .	0	0	1	1
Blanks . . .	255	226	111	592
Totals . . .	1049	593	314	1956

ARTHUR W. BURR,
Town Clerk of Hingham

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk of Cohasset

JAMES JEFFREY,
Town Clerk of Hull

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

MILITARY DUTY

The number of men liable to perform military duty April 1, 1916 were 278.

DOG LICENSES

Number of dogs licensed in Cohasset from Dec. 1, 1915, to Dec. 1, 1916, were as follows:

Male	141
Female	23
Female (spayed)	7
Total	171

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1916

Births

The total number of births were 48; males 27, females 21.

The parentage was as follows:

American father and mother . . .	26
American father and Foreign mother .	5
Foreign father and American mother .	5
Foreign father and mother . . .	12

Marriages

Total number of marriages 49; Married in Cohasset, 40; other places, 9.

Twenty-one grooms and twenty-four brides were residents of Cohasset, while there were but eleven marriages in which both were residents of this town.

Deaths

The total number of deaths recorded were 38; 36 were residents of Cohasset; and two were brought here for burial.

Of the 36 who were residents of Cohasset, 17 were males and 19 were females, and their average age was 66 years, 9 months and 1 day.

One was under 5 years of age.

One between 20 and 30 years of age.
One between 30 and 40 years of age.
Three between 40 and 50 years of age.
Five between 50 and 60 years of age.
Five between 60 and 70 years of age.
Seven between 70 and 80 years of age.
Nine between 80 and 90 years of age.
One between 90 and 95 years of age.
Also one was 102 years of age.

The cause of death were as follows: cerebral hemorrhage, 8; heart disease, 4; carcinoma, 3; nephritis, 3; tuberculosis, 2; la grippe, 2; endocarditis, 2; myocarditis, 2; bronchitis, 2; convulsion enciphalo malicia, septicaemia, pernicious anaemia, pneumonia, and abscess one each.

HARRY F. TILDEN

Town Clerk

BIRTHS FOR THE YEAR 1916

Date.	Name of Child.	Parents.
Jan. 11	Daniel Tower	Gilbert S. and Elizabeth O. (Collier)
" 17	Velma Louise Barnes	William T. and Stella M. (White)
Feb. 8	Robert Allen Leonard	Manuel S. and Alice F. (Enos)
" 9	Antonio Rinella	Antonio and Mary (Tedesco)
" 16	Richard Waldo Bugdanoff	Alfred W. and May (Sommers)
" 17	Antonio Langello	Joseph and Barbara (Modente)
Mar. 1	Pauline Elizabeth Migliaccia	Nicolas and Maria (Tamcello)
" 5	Edward Lawson Litchfield	William T. and Eva (Griffin)
" 6	——— Hetue	Paul H. A. and Bernice (Reilly)
" 17	Grace May Silvia	Antoine L. and Lucy A. (McPhee)
" 20	William Edward Poland	Michael J. and Abbie J. (Coffey)
" 28	Elizabeth Yarnall Ketchum	Kenneth D. and Helen (Luchars)
April 3	Marion E. Fearia	Joseph and Mary (Selver)
May 4	Dorothea Otis	Edwin T. and Dorothy (Bouve)
" 6	Gruseppe Polito	Gregoria and Lucia (Guocco)
" 8	Mary Victoria Lawrence	John A. and Emma L. (Farrel)
" 10	Edward Henry Schott, Jr.	Edward H. and Mabel C. (Dorus)
" 17	Jean Tuckerman	Jacob W. and Elsie L. (Morrill)
" 18	Orvill Weston Lapham	Ray T. and Florence K. (Fearing)
" 24	Edward Marques	Antonio R. and Caremira (de Jesus)
" 25	William Lawrence Healey	James M. and Anastasia (Kersey)
" 31	Charles Henry Williams, Jr.	Charles H. and Gertrude M. (York)
June 6	Arthur Blake, Jr.	Arthur and Leslie (Knowles)
" 9	George William Brown	Alexander and Katheryn L. (Haley)
" 16	Virginia Burton Furber	Edwin L. and Ann E. (Measure)

June 20	Charles Frederick Pape	Frederick W. and Hester S. (James)
" 26	George Folsom Bigelow	Cleveland and Frances C. (Folsom)
" 25	Mary DeMello	Antony and Mary (Laura)
" 26	——— Gratto	Roscoe and Lucy J. (Herndon)
" 28	Gertrude Tower Smith	John F. and Ellen (Connolly)
July 27	Samuel Davito	Angelo and Canala (Olivadopi)
Aug. 3	Bernard Barrows	Antoine and Lucy (de Jesus)
" 17	Benjamin Cramer	Nathan and Rose (Riminick)
" 19	Caroline Crocker Dickson	Clifford K. and Jennie W. (Denithorne)
" 24	Dora Sherwood Foss	Benjamin S. and Dorothy E. (Chapman)
" 25	Robert Eugene Jason	Frank E. and Helen A. (Sullivan)
" 25	Margaret Ellen Keefe	Joseph E. and Lucy M. (Smith)
" 27	Frank Stoughton Wheelwright	Walter C. and Ruth E. (Stoughton)
" 29	John William Dolan, Jr.	John W. and Elizabeth J. (Smith)
Sept. 5	James Hobert Davis, Jr.	James H. and Bessie M. (Whitman)
" 30	Daniel Francis Desmond	Daniel D. and Elizabeth L. (Amend)
Oct. 26	Edith Josephine Gammons	Everett W. and Drusilla P. (Brigham)
" 29	Alice Shuebruk	Walter and Alice G. (Linnell)
" 31	Rose Jesus Mello	Frank and Mary (Jecomb)
Dec. 6	Richard Jesse Maxwell	Andrew and Lily E. (Dale)
" 15	Olive Geneive McEachern	Almore J. and Jane L. (Mannix)
" 15	Marjorie Rich Petersen	August F. B. and Miriam C. (Treat)
" 16	Florence Ethelyn Brown	Harold F. and Ruby E. (Benson)
1915		
Jan. 13	Thomas William Scott	John J. and Elizabeth (Bohrmann)
Mar. 25	Virginia Frances Grassie	Patrick and Frances L. (Silvia)
Dec. 14	Edna Nelson Davis	Edward M., Jr., and Elizabeth (Seaman)

MARRIAGES FOR THE YEAR 1916

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE	MARRIED BY
Jan. 1	Herbert Luther Barrett	Melrose	At Cohasset by Rev. Luther G. Barrett
	Maude Douglas Tilden	Cohasset	
Jan. 1	Michael G. Shyne	No. Abington	At Cohasset by Rev. Farragh A. Brogan
	Roberta Frances Kinsley	Cohasset	
Jan. 5	Frederick W. Pape	Cohasset	At Scituate by Rev. George L. Thurlow
	Hester Stanley James	Cohasset	
Jan. 16	Elmer Joseph Nelson	Cohasset	At Boston by Rev. F. W. McCarthy
	Hanna Holland	Boston	
Feb. 5	Warren Wallace Jones	Malden	At Cohasset by Rev. L. M. Bosworth
	Alice Gertrude Bates	Cohasset	
April 26	Daniel Dennis Desmond	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Farragh A. Brogan
	Elizabeth Louise Amend	Cohasset	
April 27	Royal Amory Bates	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole
	Caroline Sentner	Cohasset	
April 29	Paul DeWitt Minnick	Cohasset	At Winchester, N.H., by Rev. N.J. Bonny
	Marjorie W. Hutchins	Winchester, N. H.	
April 29	Lawrence G. Vickery	Scituate	At Cohasset by Rev. Farragh A. Brogan
	Flore G. Morin	Scituate	
May 6	Arnold A. Henderson	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
	Mattie E. Reed	Cohasset	
May 10	William Thomas Daley	Weymouth	At Cohasset by Rev. Farragh A. Brogan
	Florence Maria Thompson	Cohasset	
May 20	George W. Belsham	Boston	At Cohasset by Rev. Farragh A. Brogan
	Bridget M. Doherty	Cohasset	

June 4	Daniel A. Campbell	Boston	At Cohasset by Rev. Farragh A. Brogan
	Mary E. Ronayne	Cohasset	
June 12	Percy Matthew Hendrie	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
	Margaret Florence Graham	Cohasset	
June 15	William Whitman Hobbs	Brookline	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
	Helen Foss	Jamaica Plain	
June 15	Samuel Turner	Norwell	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
	Ethel Coleman Young	Scituate	
June 16	Arthur Freemont Raymond	Quincy	At Cohasset by Rev. Frank B. McAllister
	Jeannie Cameron Russell	Quincy	
June 17	Ralph Willis Maynard	Nantasket	At Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole
	Merriel Gertrude Willcutt	Cohasset	
June 17	William A. Burton	Scituate	At Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole
	Florence Gertrude Newcomb	Scituate	
June 24	Jose Andrew	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Fred V. Stanley
	Anna Louise (Vedder) Wilson	Cohasset	
June 28	Robert W. Ferguson	Hingham	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
	Gertrude L. Millan	Boston	
June 30	Lot Elmer Bates	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Fred V. Stanley
	Erma Frances Litchfield	Scituate	
July 3	Dutcher Wellington Outhouse	Marshfield	At Cohasset by Rev. Farragh A. Brogan
	Mary Jane Gannon	Marshfield	
July 16	George Alfred Clay	Cohasset	At Bellows Falls, Vt., by Rev. Vernon E. Blagbrough
	Irene Frances Brown	Brockton	
July 17	John J. Brown	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Farragh A. Brogan
	Sadie L. Devoe	Cohasset	

MARRIAGES—Continued

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE	MARRIED BY
July 26	Hugh J. Silbecce	Hingham	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
	Eva Steele	Hingham	
Aug 16	Francis Morris Roche	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
	Josephine Craven	Cohasset	
Aug. 19	W. Cleveland Cogswell	Scituate	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
	Rose D. Street	Cohasset	
Sept 24	Edward Kelley	Roxbury	At Cohasset by Rev. Farragh A. Brogan
	Rose Kiernan	Cohasset	
Sept. 28	Percival W. Sessions	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
	Leoral (Young) Thayer	Cohasset	
Oct. 2	Austin Staats Kibbee	New York City	At Cohasset by Rev. George A. Gordan
	Ruth (Crossett) Appleton	Cohasset	
Oct. 3	Leo Edward Neagle	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Farragh A. Brogan
	Gladys Marion Whitman	Cohasset	
Oct. 7	William G. Mitchell	Lynn	At Cohasset by Rev. Elwood Worcester
	Beatrice Smith	Boston	
Oct. 7	Michael Francis Collins	Boston	At Boston by Thomas H. King, J. P.
	Ina Saine	Cohasset	
Oct. 9	Gerald Arthur Currie	Cohasset	At Bellows Falls, Vt. by Rev. S. H. Smith
	Annie MacDonald	West Point, P. E. I.	
Oct. 11	Patrick J. O'Toole	Brookline	At Cohasset by Rev. Farragh A. Brogan
	Anna Murphy	Cohasset	
Oct. 11	Charles E. Inches	Boston	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
	Margaret J. Carter	Kansas City, Mo.	

Oct. 16	Walter B. Hastey	Hull	At Cohasset by Rev. Paul D. Minnick
	Mignon Mae Stevens	Hull	
Oct. 28	Herbert Warren Apts	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. L. M. Bosworth
	Doris Alberta Litchfield	Norwell	
Oct. 29	Frank H. Lean	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Paul D. Minnick
	Martha J. (Williams) Dickersom	Cohasset	
Nov. 15	Ralph E. Hunter	Cohasset	At E. Weymouth by Rev. C. F. Riordan
	Margaret M. Cooke	E. Weymouth	
Nov. 19	Edward R. Tobin	Scituate	At Cohasset by Rev. Farragh A. Brogan
	Mary Shannon	Scituate	
Nov. 22	Daniel Francis Donovan	Cohasset	At Boston by Rev. John H. Harrigan
	Margaret Claire O'Brien	Dorchester	
Nov. 25	Ralph D. Peterson	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Farragh A. Brogan
	Alice Catherine Breen	Hingham	
Nov. 27	Clifton Alonson Perry	Marshfield	At Cohasset by Rev. Farragh A. Brogan
	Honora Ryan	Marshfield	
Nov. 29	Warren Herbert Stearns	Scituate	At Cohasset by Rev. Farragh A. Brogan
	Mary Elizabeth Gillis	Scituate	
Dec. 5	William E. Dyment	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Paul D. Minnick
	Rosie M. Stratton	Hingham	
Dec. 5	William Edward Roche	Cohasset	At Boston by Rev. A. W. Sundilof
	Albertina Abrahamsson	Revere	
Dec. 21	Chancey Wilfred Strickland	Hingham	At Cohasset by Rev. Paul D. Minnick
	Velma Snow Priest	Cohasset	

DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1916

DATE	NAME	Y.	M.	D.	BIRTHPLACE	PARENTS
Jan. 1	Helen Sullivan	0	8	21	Cohasset	Michael J. and Mary (O'Connell)
" 13	Alice B. (Jackson) Arthur	80	10	19	Boston	Charles F. and Susan (Bridge)
" 25	Magdalene Grassie	25	5	11	Cohasset	Joseph J. and Margaret (Farrall)
Feb. 1	Amasa Foster	91	7	21	Pennsylvania	Amasa and Yelina (Foster)
" 12	Elenor L. Stetson	9	2	18	———	———
" 28	Francis Lincoln	85	3	6	Cohasset	Isaac and Sarah (Bates)
Mar. 5	Jennie (Mosely) Clark	85	8	3	Massachusetts	Seth and Naomi (Noble)
" 16	Bridget C. Healy	37	0	0	Ireland	Andrew and Mary (Morrissey)
" 21	Joseph S. Pimentel	50	0	0	Portugal	Antonio and Aldea ——
April 23	Mary J. (DeTerra) Grassie	69	0	0	Azores	Manuel F. and Mary (Joseph)
May 6	Daniel L. Tower	73	6	26	———	———
" 12	Mary H (Nickerson) Wentworth	66	2	3	Cohasset	George L. and Harriet (Beale)
" 19	———				———	———
" 24	Caroline E. (Bayley) Litchfield	83	5	5	Boston	Benjamin and Evelina (Cushing)
" 24	Mary A. (Tuttle) Bethel	44	5	0	Ireland	John and Mary (Barry)
" 25	William H. Pratt	65	2	0	Weymouth	Joshua M. and Mary (Pratt)
" 26	Anna G. (Enos) Sylvia	64	3	13	Azores	William S. and Marianna (Isabel)
" 30	Edwin Gleason Stewart	63	10	21	Cohasset	William and Elizabeth (Damon)
June 19	Eleanor (Housel) Lewis	56	10	24	Pennsylvania	Barnet and Rebecca (Wetherell)
July 11	Alban Daniel Gillis	50	0	12	Prince Ed's Is	Laughlin and Elsie (McIntyre)
" 23	Helen (Hartwell) Olmstead	82	1	25	Middleboro	George and Abigail (Eaton)
" 25	John Edwin Groce	72	6	30	Cohasset	Melzar and Charlotte (Lincoln)

July	30	Sarah Sylvester	82	0	0	Massachusetts	———
"	30	John Richardson	58	9	8	Newton	John and Charlotte (Blood)
Aug.	3	Julia F. (Dunn) Henry	77	6	28	Ireland	John and Mary (Burke)
"	8	Florence G. Bates	47	1	24	Cohasset	Henry and Lavinia A. (Powers)
"	25	Polly N. (Tower) Palmer	76	6	15	Cohasset	Thomas and Rebecca (Lambert)
"	29	Sylvanus Franklin Treat	75	10	0	Truro	Aquilla R. and Mahetable (Cobb)
Sept.	6	Thomas Farrar	84	11	18	Cohasset	Thomas and Abigail (Nichols)
"	12	Margaret (Driscoll) Keating	77	2	11	Ireland	Patrick and Bridget (McNamara)
"	21					———	———
Oct.	12	William Franklin Thayer	102	3	16	Braintree	William and Deborah (Weld)
"	19	Sarah W. (Burr) Bourne	84	7	22	Hingham	John W. and Pricilla (Bourne)
"	21	Edwin B. Studley	81	10	22	Hingham	Charles A. and Amelia F. (Cook)
"	29	John R. Silver	52	9	10	Portugal	Joseph and Rose F. (Rose)
Nov.	6	Rufus K. Mulford	47	3	21	New York	Robert L. and Ellen (Morgan)
"	11	Samuel E. Pratt	70	2	25	Cohasset	Howard and Caroline E. (Pratt)
"	26	Julia A. (Pope) Furber	78	1	7	E Machias, Me	William H. and Susan (Keller)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

ACCOUNTS OF 1916.

(For Index, see Recapitulation, page 102. Details can be seen in the office of the Town Accountant.)

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation (Article 5, Annual Meeting, March 13, 1916) . . .		$5,100 00
Appropriation (Article 38, Annual Meeting, March 13, 1916) . . .		800 00
		$5,900 00
Receipts, by Tax Collector, summonses, fees, reimbursements for advertisements, etc. . .	$99 36	
Transfer, from "Trust," adv. tax sales . .	7 18	
		$106 54
Expenditures:		
Selectmen, salaries, three at $400 each . . .	$1,200 00	
Expenses . . .	145 95	
Auditor and Accountant, services . . .	1,000 00	
Expenses . . .	6 89	
Treasurer, services ($100 less than last year) .	600 00	

Expenses . . .		$107 44	
Collector, services . .		800 00	
Expenses . . .		194 49	
Assessors, three at $300 each		900 00	
Expenses . . .		137 96	
Other Finance Offices and Accounts:			
Registration of six notes		12 00	
Town Clerk, services .		357 75	
Expenses . . .		40 00	
Election and Registration:			
Election officers, services		163 50	
Election officers, expenses		82 25	
Registration of Voters, Registrars services .		200 00	
Registration of Voters, Registrars expenses .		2 50	
Total for Town Officers .		$5,950 73	
Balance to treasury .		55 81	
		$6,006 54	$6,006 54
Unpaid bill:			
So. Shore Garage, for auto	$1 50		

ENGINEERING.

Appropriation, for maintenance . . .			$300 00
Expenditures:			
Walter B. Foster, services ($34.92, 1915) .		159 26	
Balance to treasury .		140 74	
		$300 00	$300 00

ENGINEERING—TAX SURVEY OUTLAY.

Appropriation . . .		$1,000 00
Expenditures:		
Hartley L. White, services	$950 00	
Balance to treasury .	50 00	
	$1,000 00	$1,000 00

LAW—LEGAL COUNSEL

Appropriation		$300 00
Expenditures:		
Albert P. Worthen, services ($79.00 1915) . .	$379 00	
Balance over appropriation to Incd. Acct. .		79 00
Total for Law . .	$379 00	$379 00

TOWN HALL

Appropriation		1100 00
Receipts:		
Lyman B. Cozzens .	$426 00	
Frank W. Mead . .	211 00	
Louis J. Morris, janitor, income . . .	250 71	887 71
Expenditures:		
Janitor, services . .	522 00	
Janitor, extra work . .	24 34	
Janitor, supplies . .	61 52	
Telephone (12 months) .	67 02	
Lighting (12 mos.), general $251.70; picture machine $102. . .	353 70	
Wiring, lamps, etc. .	31 50	
Heating	417 27	

Tuning and repairs on pianos . . .		$19 78	
General repairs and supplies		187 89	
Erecting election booths .		10 50	
Cementing cellar floor .		52 18	
Insurance, C. Lothrop, agt.	$55 54		
E. N. Tower agt. .	22 76	78 30	
Outlay:			
M. S. Leonard, installing auxilliary heater .	212 00		
C. E. Frates, foundation	36 24	248 24	
Balance over appropriation and Receipts to Incd. Acct. . .			86 53
Total for Town Hall		$2074 24	$2074 24
Unpaid bills:			
A. R. Whitcomb, tuning pianos . . .	3 00		
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and supplies . .	62 29		
Bosworth & Beal, lamp shades . . .	12 00		
Litchfield's Express .	65		
E. J. Pratt, repairs to heaters etc. . . .	29 75		
M. S. Leonard, repairs to heaters etc. . .	14 75		
	122 44		

PRINTING

Appropriation			$850 00
Expenditures:			
Selectmen, warrants .	$62 79		
letter-heads, notices etc.	14 50	$77 29	
Town Accountant, envelopes and letter-heads		6 83	
Town Treasurer, blanks .		16 58	
Tax Collector, bill-heads etc. . . .		13 50	
Assessors, electrotype and letter-heads . .	6 24		
poll tax lists . .	24 50	30 74	
Overseers, blanks . .		3 56	
Elections, ballots etc. .	58 50		
voting lists . .	34 88	93 38	
Town Reports, 1100 .	449 80		
Val'n Lists, 1100 (77 pp. at .85) . . .	65 45		
"Flag-pole", individual reports . . .	15 00	530 25	
Total cash paid . .		772 13	
Transfer to School Dept., printing postal cards special meeting (Selectmen) . . .		1 75	
		773 88	
Balance to treasury .		76 12	
		$850 00	$850 00

WATER FOR HYDRANTS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Appropriation . . .			$4400 00
Expenditures			
Cohasset Water Co			
Hydrants . .	$3892 50		
Water rates for buildings	20 00		
Total for Fire Dept.	$3912 50		
Town Hall . .	35 00		
Highways . .	125 50		
Cohasset Home .	42 00		
Schools . .	45 00	$4160 00	
Hingham Water Co. .			
Fire Dept., hydrants	405 00		
Water rates for building	9 00	414 00	
Bal. over appropr'n to Incd. Acct.			174 00
Total for Water, etc. . .		$4574 00	$4574 00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation . . .		$4000 00
Receipts		
S. H. Capen, sheriff, fines, etc. . . .	$11 00	
Clerk East Norfolk Dist. Court, fines, etc.	105 15	
Officer at Town Hall .		
L. B. Cozzens . .	72 00	
F. W. Mead . .	18 00	
Officers' services: . .		
Fitzhenry Smith, Jr., .	14 50	
Edward F. Willcutt .	12 50	
Cohasset Choral Society	3 00	

Cohasset Motor Club .		$10 00	
Town of Hingham, one-half cost of telephone at North Cohasset, for one year . . .		13 95	$260 10
Expenditures . . .			
Services, Chief 11 months ($87.37 due) . .	916 63		
Officers, general . .	2373 00		
Officer, Town Hall .	88 50		
Care street lanterns .	38 55		
Disposing of dogs .	2 50	$3419 18	
Expenses of Administration			
Legal Services (2 Quincy cases) . . .	40 00		
David Young case (Taunton) . . .	21 97		
Examination of patients	8 00		
Subscription and advertising . . .	3 00		
Car fares, transportation, court expenses, etc.	163 93		
Stationery, etc. . .	2 78	239 68	
Headquarters:			
Labor, repairs, laundry, supplies, carting, etc.	$51 13		
Fuel	51 95		
Light	11 00	114 08	
Telephones . . .			
Chief	$54 47		
Headquarters . .	43 69		
Jerusalem Road . .	6 04		
Box, Main Street .	15 96		

North Cohasset	$22 92	$143 08	
Police signal system;			
Repairs of clocks	$7 00		
Batteries, etc.	5 83	12 83	
Street signs, (purchase of)	13 85		
Oil for street lights (4.97 1915)	9 09	22 94	
Care of Prisoners, meals		18 50	
Transportation:			
Teams	19 50		
Autos, renting	72 40		
Auto of dept., maintenance			
Repairs and supplies	$113 88		
Storage	12 00		
Insurance	45 09	$262 87	
Total for Police Dept.		4233 16	
Balance to Treasury		26 94	
		$4260 10	$4260 10
Unpaid bills:			
Thomas L. Bates, chief, balance for services	83 37		
Joseph St. John, kerosene oil	84		
	84 21		

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriations	
General maintenance	$3200 00
Salary of Chief	300 00
New hose, 500 feet	320 00

Repairs on houses at Cove including installation of heating system (Outlay), see below			
			$3820 00
Receipts, for old hose			3 00
Expenditures:			
Executive expenses, including transportation of engineers, car fares, stationery etc. (56 cts. 1915)		$54 73	
Telephone at house of Comb. No. 1, twelve months		64 07	
Salaries and wages:			
Chief	$300 00		
Driver Combination No. 1	1200 00		
Night services, Combination No. 1	183 00		
Stewards,			
Combination No. 1	40 00		
Hook and Ladder No. 1.	25 00		
Hook and Ladder No. 2 and Combination No 2 ($30, see Transfer below)			
Hose No. 3, No. Cohasset	30 00		
Service at fires:			
Combination No. 1 clerk, 1915	35 00		
Hook and Ladder No. 1 clerk, 1915	25 00		
Hose No. 3 clerk, 1915	5 00		

Watching fires . .	$21 00	
Poll taxes, 59 men . .	118 00	$1982 00
Repairs on and supplies for apparatus:		
Combination No. 1 ($65.-50, 1915) . .	320 19	
Combination new hose freight and ctg. .	320 50	
Hook and Ladder No. 1, lanterns and express	8 30	649 79
Conveyance of apparatus to fires: . . .		
Hook and Ladder No. 1 ($5, 1915) . . .	35 00	
Combination No. 2 . Beechwood . .	15 00	
Hose No. 3 North Cohasset . . .	10 00	60 00
Repairs on buildings, Combination No. 1 and Hook and Ladder 1 house, $1000 special appropriation, see below, Hook and Ladder No. 1 . . .		46
Combination No. 2 .		3 00
General supplies for houses:		
Combination No. 1 (1915 $13.35) . . .	151 39	
Hook and Ladder No. 1 (1915, 50 cents.) .	8 65	
Combination No. 2 and Hook and Ladder No 2 (1915, $6.38) . .	17 83	

Hose No. 3 . .	$2 00	$179 87	
Fuel:			
Combination No. 1 .	117 85		
Combination No. 2 .	27 20		
Hose No. 3 . .	38 65	183 70	
Light: . . .			
Combination No. 1 .	49 35		
Combination No. 2 .	12 70		
Hose No. 3 . .	13 20	75 25	
Equipment supplies: .			
Combination No. 1 (1915 $27 25) . . .		331 36	
Fire Alarm: . .			
General repairs . .	211 18		
Current for batteries .	50 04	261 22	
Rent 1915 . . .		20 00	
		$3865 45	
Transfer, from Fire Dept. to Outside Poor . .		30 00	
Balance brought from "Forest Fires" for services . . .			72 45
Total ord. by Engineers, gen'l maint. . .		$3,895 45	$3,895 45
Unpaid bills:			
Jos. St. John, supplies .	$1 35		
F. W. Browne, supplies	5 40		
T. A. Roche, rent $20; postage $2.32 . .	22 32		
	$29 07		

FIRE DEPARTMENT — INSTALLING NEW HEATING SYSTEM AND REPAIRS (at Cove).

Appropriation . . .		$1,000 00
Expenditures:		
Comb. No. 1 and H. & L. No. 1, gen'l repairs .	$394 10	
Outlay: installing new heating system—		
Chimney and foundations, $65; gen'l labor, $8; heater and installation, $347.13 . . .	420 13	
Total	814 23	
Balance to treasury .	185 77	
	$1,000 00	$1,000 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT (Selectmen).

No appropriation		
Expenditures:		
Oxygen for pulmotor and express, to Incd. Acct.		$5 58

FOREST FIRES.

Appropriations		
Maintenance . . .		$500 00
Outlay — Partial construction of Watch Tower on Prospect Hill, Hingham (to be maintained by State) . . .		200 00
Expenditures:		
Executive expenses, stationery, etc. . . .	$3 95	
Payrolls (fires) . .	59 30	

Services, misc.		$7 20	
Supplies, misc.		35 70	
Extinguishers, four		44 00	
Rent		40 00	
Transportation		34 00	
Total for maintenance		$224 15	
Outlay: Commonwealth of Mass., State Forester, town's proportion of watch tower		200 00	
Total for Forest Fires		$424 15	
Carried to Fire Dept., for services rendered		72 45	
Balance to treasury		203 40	
		$700 00	$700 00
Unpaid bills:			
Litchfield's Express for December	$1 40		

MOTH SUPPRESSION.

Appropriation (Article 14)		$3,950 36
Appropriation (Article 53, new sprayer, ½ cost)		600 00
		$4,550 36
Receipts:		
State Highway work	$ 55.22	
From individuals in 1916, not on tax bills:		
E. C. Tower, by Dr. Frederick Hinchliffe	75	
Frank Jason (for A. Lyman)	1 35	
Delano Wight	3 03	

Cohasset Golf Club, lead	$117 00		
Hugh Cabot, spraying	5 70		
Mrs. A. N. Milliken, spraying	299 04		
Mary F. Dodge (clearing land)	334 50	$761 37	
On Tax Bills:			
1915 and prior	631 67		
1916	2,714 96	3,346 63	$4,163 22
Expenditures:			
Payrolls (under George Young)			
Supt., services	85 50		
Labor, general	474 60	560 10	
Payrolls (under Joseph E. Grassie)			
Supt., services	634 50		
Labor, general	3,316 35	3,950 85	
State Forester, lead (10 ton)	1,230 50		
One-half cost of sprayer	600 00	1,830 50	
Moth notices, mailing etc.		14 15	
Stationery, printing and postage (1915 90 cts.)		16 01	
Car fares, express, postage etc. (J. E. Grassie)		16 01	
Freight		14 73	
Teams:			
Supt. (George Young)	36 00		
Supt. (Jos. E. Grassie)	390 00		
General, incl. auto $1 50	696 09	1,122 09	

Creosote, 156 gals. and freight		$23 84	
Hose, brushes etc.		243 34	
Gasolene, 425 gals.		117 90	
Oil, 57 gals.		30 10	
Other supplies for sprayers		10 30	
Oil clothes and rubber boots (1915, $3.50)		11 75	
Filing saws (1915, $1.80)		12 30	
Supplies, misc.		112 23	
Repairs on sprayers:			
Fitzhenry-Guptill Co.	196 83		
A. D. Gillis Est.	11 90		
Other repairs on sprayers	63 52	272 25	
Rent, Wm. H. McGaw	110 00		
A. D. Gillis Est.	17 50	127 50	
Insurance on three sprayers and equipment, one year		75 00	
Total for Moth Work		8,560 95	
Balance to treasury		152 63	
		$8,713 58	$8,713 58
Due from individuals, bills rendered:			
Spraying	222 54		
Clearing and cleaning up land	265 80		
	488 34		

MOTH WORK—PRIVATE LIABILITY

DECEMBER 1, 1915—DECEMBER 1, 1916

Appr'n including new sprayer			$4,550 36
	Priv. Liab.	Total	
Paid in December 1915,	$ 105 20	$ 471 51	

Paid in 1916 to December 1:			
Payrolls . . .	2,265 84		
Teams . . .	525 15	8,282 25	
Lead, 16088 lbs. . .	1,175 48		
	$4,071 67	$8,753 76	
Deduct Private Liability as above . . .		4,071 67	
		4,682 09	
Balance over . .			131 73
		$ 4,682 09	$4,682 09

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation . . .			$600 00
Expenditures:			
Payrolls			
Services, George Young	$130 25		
Other labor . .	211 63	$341 88	
Teams, George Young .	44 00		
Other teaming . .	75 26	119 26	
Stationery . . .		6 20	
Trees, 48 maples . .		99 00	
Elec. Light & Power Co., trimming trees, etc. .		4 59	
Filing saws, etc. . .		7 30	
Merrimac Chemical Co., 1200 lbs. lead and frt.		97 24	
Gasolene, 29 gals. .		10 00	
Supplies, misc. . .		12 83	
Balance over appropriation to Incd. Account			98 30
Total for Tree Warden .		$698 30	$698 30

Unpaid bills:		
Cohasset Livery & Sale Stable, team	$3 00	
Elec. Light & Power Co., labor Elm street	99	
	$3 99	

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Appropriation		$200 00
Expenditures:		
Sealer, services	$150 00	
Office expenses car fares, etc.	8 37	
Printing cards	1 50	
Sealing apothecaries' scales	3 65	
Refinishing yardstick	7 40	
Supplies	13 31	
Teams	14 00	
Total for Sealer	$198 23	
Balance to Treasury	1 77	
	$200 00	$200 00

INSPECTION OF WIRES

Appropriation		$500 00
Expenditures:		
Services of Inspector	$395 41	
Stationery, car fares, postage, etc.	22 51	
Library Bureau, cards and card cases (1915, $2 50)	43 58	
Flashlight	1 75	

Transportation (1 9 1 5, $11 00) . . .		$36 75	
Total for Wire Inspection		$500 00	$500 00

DEPUTY FISH AND GAME WARDEN
(Under Chapter 250, Acts of 1913.)

No appropriation			
Expenditures:			
Paid John F. Smith, service one year, to Incidental Account . .		$50 00	

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation			$1464 00
Receipts, I. F. Sylvester, use of telephone . .			11 00
Expenditures: . . .			
Executive expenses—			
Dr. George Osgood, 1915 services . . .	$75 00		
Dr. George Osgood, 1915 telephoning expenses and supplies . .	25 00		
Dr. George Osgood, 1915 transportation . .	71 50		
		$171 50	
Dr. George Osgood, 1916 services . . .	87 50		
Dr. George Osgood, 1916 telephoning, etc. .	25 00		
Dr. George Osgood, 1916 transportation . .	50 00		
		$162 50	
Warren F. Snow, services		87 50	
Irving F. Sylvester, sec'y, services . . .	$125 00		

Irving F. Sylvester, sec'y, transportation	$25 00		
Irving S. Sylvester, sec'y, postage	2 00		
		$152 00	
Hobbs & Warren, book		$ 8 16	
Cohasset Citizen, publishing Regulations		24 18	
Total for Executive Expenses		$605 84	
Telephone, Sec'y of Board		29 68	
Quarantine and Contagious Hospital (1915, $79 56)		449 01	
Fumigation		50 50	
Milk and Vinegar Inspection		25 00	
Inspection of Slaughtering		150 00	
Vital Statistics		11 75	
Transportation, general		1 25	
Incidentals:			
Globe Rubber Works, 20 feet suction hose for excavator	23 00		
Burying animals, etc. (1915, $8 00)	12 20	35 20	
Total for Board of Health		1358 23	
Balance to treasury		116 77	
		$1475 00	$1475 00
Unpaid bills:			
Returning births—			
Dr. H. E. Fernald (19)			
Dr. Spaulding (5)	6 00		
Dr. O. H. Howe (4)	1 00		
	$ 7 00		

STRAITS POND, CAT DAM AND JAMES BROOK

Appropriation		$500 00
Expenditures:		
Straits Pond—		
Care gates 1916	$ 25 00	
Use of boat	15 00	
Burying dogs	2 00	
Labor and clothes spoiled ($12)	190 95	
Oil, 1335 gallons	107 80	
Roberts, Fitzpatrick and Happenny, iron work, March 31, Dec. 14	5 40	
Supplies:		
George E. Kimball, lumber, etc.	42 38	
George F. Hayden, 2 pair rubber boots	10 00	
Turkey Meadow Farm, sand and carting	11 50	
Carting lumber, $2; shovels $3; seaweed $3 50	9 00	419 03
Cat Dam:		
Care gates 1916		20 00
James Brook:		
Care gates at Cove	30 00	
Lumber for gates	57	30 57
		$469 60
James Brook:		
Cleaning out and widening, labor	$183 50	
Tools (shovel)	1 25	184 75

Balance over appropriation to incidental account . .			$154 35
Total for Straits Pond etc. . . .		$654 35	$654 35
Unpaid bills:			
Straits Pond, G. E. Kimball, 100 cement bags, $12; lumber $1 28 .	13 28		
James Brook, cleaning, South Shore Boat Co. rubber boots, etc. .	9 65		
	$22 93		

INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

Appropriation		$125 00
Paid Dr. D. W. Gilbert, Veterinary Surgeon .	$125 00	

STATE HIGHWAY.

Appropriation . . .		$1,013 72
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts . .	$1,013 72	

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.

Oiling Streets. (See below.)

Appropriation (Highways and Oiling Streets) . .		$20,000 00
Receipts, for labor, teams and supplies (the names and details of these receipts are on file in the Accountant's office) cash	$1,014 63	

Transfer, from Town Commons for crushed stone . . .		$76 50	
			$1,091 13
Expenditures:			
Highway Surveyor (George Jason) services . .		$1,000 00	
Payrolls:			
Labor, ordinary . .	$6,630 72		
Engineer, S. N. Thayer	438 00		
Engineer, J. T. Barnes .	184 50		
Blacksmithing . .	163 69		
Ledgeman . . .	136 21		
Painting fences . .	160 20		
		7,713 32	
Teams, general . .	$3,649 76		
Teams, Geo. Jason, single	304 00		
Teams, Geo. Jason, gen'l	538 41		
		4,492 17	
Expressage . . .		2 28	
Freight	72 50		
Demurrage . . .	25 00		
		97 50	
Fuel, coal, and weighing loads . . .		115 69	
Wood		7 50	
Cunningham Bridge, H. W. Lincoln, painting upper part . . .	90 00		
Cunningham Bridge, Litchfield-Lincoln, repairs .	29 35		
		119 35	
Mowing bushes (1915) C. Lincoln . . .		28 80	
Fences, W. H. McGaw, stock and labor . .		40 92	

Cohasset Hardware Co., supplies ($13.75 fences) . . .		$73 90
Tower Bros. & Co., supplies . . .		305 65
Cohasset Auto Repair Shop, oil, grease, etc. . .	$96 35	
Cohasset Auto Repair Shop, autos . . .	29 50	
		125 85
Supplies, miscellaneous .		154 35
Gravel, stone and clay (including $195.00 J. W. Whitcomb) . .		308 28
Patching material, 2,951 gals. (1915, $56.15) .		330 19
Re-filling street sweeping broom . . .		20 00
Roller house repairs . .		67 60
Roller and crusher, repairs on and supplies for .		433 29
Miscellaneous labor, blacksmithing, masons, carpenters, etc. . .		164 12
Walk, front Cohasset Supply Co., ½ reimbursement . . .		98 00
Rent, 6 months to Jan. 1, 1916 . . .		37 50
Total for Highways, general . . .		$15,736 26

OILING STREETS.

Appropriation (included in General Highway, $20,000)	
Receipts, rebate on demurrage	$1 00

Expenditures:			
Payrolls—			
Labor, ordinary		$1,002 00	
Teams, general	$1,083 16		
Teams, Geo. Jason, single	84 00		
Teams, Geo. Jason, double, etc.	123 65		
		1,290 81	
Labor, miscellaneous		117 15	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight	210 11		
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., demurrage	81 00		
		291 11	
Gravel, sand and carting		50 50	
Repairs to oilers		44 08	
Carting oiler to Boston		10 00	
Oiling attachments, N. E. Rd. Machine Co.		300 00	
Barrett Mfg. Co., 37590 gallons Tarvia B	2079 66		
Patching material	71 13	2150 79	
Misc. supplies (1915, $6.56)		48 06	
H. F. Tilden, storage $20.; carting $1.50		21 50	
Total for Highways, Oiling streets, etc.		21062 26	
Balance to treasury		29 87	
		$21092 13	$21092 13

HIGHWAYS—SELECTMEN

No appropriation	
Receipts, through H. L. Brown, for stone trough on King street	$5 00

Expenditures: . . .		
Street fountains, cleaning etc. . . .	$17 50	
Street signs . . .	22 50	
Matthew Mulhern, award for land damage Smith Place March 1915 .	75 00	
Dr. O. H. Howe and Newcomb B. Tower, award land taken at entrance to Smith Place .	120 00	
Balance over receipts to Incidental Account .		$230 00
Total for Highways—Selectmen . .	$235 00	$235 00

REMOVING SNOW

Appropriation . . .		$3500 00
Expenditures: . . .		
Payrolls, men and teams	$5304 21	
M. A. Burke, repairing plows . . .	16 80	
H. F. Tilden, sand . .	3 50	
A. A. Davenport, sand .	50	
Gravel, J. W. Bates .	25	
Tower Bros. & Co., supplies . . .	4 97	
Balance over appropriation		1830 23
Total for Removing Snow	5330 23	5330 23

ELECTRIC STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation, general .	$6910 40

Appropriation, Beechwood street, Reed's Corner, 60 c. p. . . .			$18 00
Appropriation, Oak street 60 c. p. . . .			18 00
			6946 40
Expenditures: Elec. Light & Power Co. . .			
Jan'y, 341—60 c. p. at 1.50	$511 50		
12—250 c. p. at 5.10	61 20	$572 70	
Feb'y, same lights as for January . . .	572 70		
1—60 c. p. at Sohier street, 1 m. 3 d. .	1 64	574 34	
March, 342—60 c. p. at 1.50 . . .	513 00		
12—250 c. p. at 5.10	61 20		
1—60 c. p. Pole 46, Beechwood street 10 d.			
1—60 c. p. Oak street 10 d. . . .	1 06	575 26	
April, 344—60 c. p. at 1.50	516 00		
12—250 c. p. at 5.10	61 20	577 20	
For remaining eight months at 577 20 as above .		4617 60	
Town Landing, 2 lts. May 1—Nov. 25 . .	22 78		
Town Landing, lamp .	35	23 13	
Total for Street Lights		6940 23	
Balance to treasury .		6 17	
		$6946 40	$6946 40

FORE RIVER BRIDGE—MAINTENANCE

(Chapters 230 and 753, Acts of 1911)

Appropriation			$120 00
Expenditures:			
Walter T. Jones, treasurer, Ass't No. 38 (1915)		$ 30 00	
Ass'ts Nos. 39-46, inclusive		240 00	
Balance over appropriation (to "Agency")			150 00
Total for Fore River River Bridge		$270 00	$270 00
Unpaid Ass't 47, $30. (See Town Accountant's report for 1912, p. 115. Expenditures not controlled in any way by the town.)			

HARBOR MAINTENANCE

Appropriation			$350 00
Receipts, mooring stones, Z. T. Lapham and M. S. Enos, $3 each			6 00
Expenditures:			
Harbor Masters, two at $50 each		$100 00	
Town Wharf Grounds, care of, 1915	$ 38 80		
1916	38 80	77 60	
Floats, runs and buoys:			
Labor (1915, $2)	$131 00		
Supplies	42 15		
		173 15	

Kerosene barrels (four) .	$8 00	
Expenses to Boston, 1915	5 00	
Balance over appropria- and receipts to Incd. Acct. . . .		$7 75
Total for Harbor Maint.	$363 75	$363 75

CHARITIES—COHASSET HOME

Appropriation, including "Outside Poor" and "General Administration"; see "Recapitulation" after Gen. Admn. .		$8000 00
Receipts, James H. Pinkham, Supt. (balance over payments, see account at end), produce .		$ 70 76
Reimbursement for am't paid for Supt. . .		6 50
Board		100 00
		$177 26
Expenditures ·		
Superintendent, services .	$600 00	
Telephone . . .	29 85	
Light	38 40	
Fuel	493 68	
Medical services . .	12 00	
Drugs and medicines (1915 70 cts.) . . .	12 70	
Nursing	5 90	
Opening and closing grave	5 00	
Groceries, meats and general supplies (1915, $169 20) . . .	680 73	

Grain (1915, $19) $201.95; hay $26.83 . .		$228 78
Clothing, shoes, etc. (1915 $14.07) . . .		51 92
General supplies, hardware, tools, lumber etc. (1915 $1.52) . . .	$103 66	
Fertilizer . . .	28 00	
Seeds	14 12	
Piazza chairs (2) . .	4 50	
Horse rake . . .	21 00	
Lawn swing . . .	4 50	
Express on rake . .	4 50	
Tobacco . . .	19 05	
Stationery, $1.43; newspapers $9.50 . .	10 93	
Spray, 10 gallons .	18 50	
Filling flower bed .	8 00	
		236 76
Ice, 1915 . . .		23 34
Buildings, maintenance of, inspection of boiler .	2 00	
Wiring and lamps .	76 93	
Plumbing and heating (1915, $48.89) .	105 92	
Carpentry work (1915, $48.96) . . .	94 17	
		279 02
Miscellaneous labor, services, etc.		
Mowing (1915, $6.45) .	$46 95	
General labor, etc. (1914 and '15, $5) . .	41 30	
		$88 25
Tonsorial work, 1915 .		9 40
Horse, team, etc.		
Repairs on wagon, 1915	$12 38	

Horse-shoeing (1915, $5)	$28 13	
Supplies (1915, $2.60) .	12 15	
		$52 66
Paid for "Home" through Town Treasurer .		$2,848 39
Paid for "Home" through Superintendent, see his account . . .		96 41
Total paid . . .		$2,944 80
Deduct receipts of Town Treasurer . . .		177 26
Net cost, 1916 . .		$2,767 54
Unpaid bills (the "net" cost above does not include these)		
Simeone Bros., fruit . .	$5 37	
C. H. Trott Co., groceries and provisions . .	1 48	
Cohasset Supply Co., groceries and provisions .	115 38	
Joseph St. John, groceries and provisions . .	20 22	
Thos. L. Grassie, groceries and provisions . .	39 93	
Fannie J. Story, grain .	34 90	
Drs. E. P. Wentworth and B. M. Bristol . .	2 00	
W. F. Snow, burial expenses . . .	40 00	
F. W. Browne, drugs .	10 95	
M. J. Merriam, dry goods	29 64	
L. Levine, clothing . .	4 00	
E. E. H. Souther, miscellaneous supplies .	16 36	
Tower Bros. & Co., supplies	25	

M. J. Sullivan, supplies	$ 1 95
Cohasset Hardware Co., supplies	3 15
W. O. Souther, ice	29 36
W. P. Malley, blacksmithing	9 90
John N. MacNeill, plumbing	4 10
	$368 94

James H. Pinkham, Superintendent, in account with Town of Cohasset

Dr.

Milk and eggs	$36 32
Fowl	15 96
Pasture stones	45 89
Rent of pasture	20 00
Rent of land	5 00
Board of Herbert A. Lincoln, 60 meals at 30 cents	18 00
Other board	24 00
Junk	2 00

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Food supplies	$2 22	
Stamped envelopes	5 62	
Miscellaneous labor	31 92	
Miscellaneous supplies	7 45	
Laundry	39 00	
Cash to and for inmates	10 20	
	$96 41	
Balance to Town Treasury	70 76	
	$167 17	$167 17

CHARITIES — OUTSIDE POOR.

(Names not published; see Chap. 412, Acts of 1910.)

For appropriation, see Cohasset Home Account and Recapitulation after General Administration.

Receipts:			
Town of Hingham, 1915 .	$177 88		
Town of Hingham, 1916 .	147 23		
			$325 11
Town of Scituate . .			70 55
Commonwealth of Mass., transp. of pauper .			45
Transfer from Fire Dept. .			30 00
			$426 11
Expenditures:			
Town Aid, cash . .	$635 00		
Other cash assistance .	816 90		
		$1,451 90	
Relief given by other places:			
City of Brockton 1915 .	262 07		
City of Boston 1915 .	43 71		
Town of Fairhaven 1915 .	20 00		
Town of Hingham 1915 .	302 37		
Town of Abington 1915 .	15 00		
Town of Winthrop 1915 .	282 67	925 82	
Medical attendance:			
Town Physician, Dr. Geo. Osgood . . .	242 50		
Services of other physicians	65 50	308 00	
Nursing		93 00	
Drugs and medicines (1915, $5.95) . . .		14 90	
Burial expenses, 1913 . .		16 50	
Trav. expenses, autos and moving (1915 $10.00)		57 45	

Fuel, coal (1915 $21.02)	$416 61	
Fuel, wood (1915 $26.00)	58 50	$475 11
Rent (water rates, $10.00) (1915, $130.00) 11 different persons		765 00
Groceries and provisions (1915, $240.32)		1021 70
Board (1915 $10.00)		130 00
Clothing (1915 $19.25)		179 52
Total for Outside Poor		5438 90
Deduct receipts		426 11
Net for Outside Poor		5012 79
Unpaid bills (not included in "net cost above")		
City of Brockton	431 71	
Medical services:		
Dr. H. E. Fernald	3 00	
Dr. George Osgood	4 24	
Drugs, F. W. Browne	4 65	
Fuel, E. E. Bates	21 50	
Lincoln Bros. Coal Co.	59 51	
Tower Bros. & Co.	29 58	
Rent, W. H. McGaw	10 00	
Julia Lee	20 00	
Lucy Smith	10 00	
Groceries and provisions:		
C. H. Trott Co.	29 79	
M. G. Seaverns	15 00	
C. J. Pratt	10 71	
Joseph St. John	24 33	
Joseph E. Grassie	61 40	
Clothes, etc.		
E. E. H. Souther	3 50	
L. Levine	3 10	
Geo. F. Hayden	5 25	

Stoves, E. J. Pratt . .	$10 50	
	$757 77	

CHARITIES — GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

The appropriation for "Home" and "Outside Poor" account also covers this accouut.

Expenditures:		
Overseers, three at $133.33 each . . .	$399 99	
Overseers, personal expenses . . .	4 43	
H. L. Brown, trustee, ins. prem. on Waldo C. Locke property . .	8 44	
Postage and blanks . .	2 36	
Transportation (1915, $1)	10 00	
Total for General Adm.	$425 22	
Unpaid bills:		
South Shore Garage, autos	$ 1 00	
Central Garage, autos .	9 50	
	$10 50	

RECAPITULATION OF POOR ACCOUNTS.

Appropriation for three accounts brought forward			$8,000 00
Amounts paid and received throughTownTreasury:			
General Adm. (paid) .		$425 22	
Outside Poor (paid and received incl. transfer of $30) . . .		5,438 90	426 11
Cohasset Home (paid and received) . . .		2,848 39	177 26

Balance over appropriation and receipts to Incidental Account . .			109 41
		$8,712 51	$8,712 51
Add amount paid by Superintendent "Home," see his account . .		96 41	
Total cost of poor for 1916 . . .		$8,808 92	

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELIEF.

Appropriation			$650 00
Expenditures:			
City of Brockton, 1915 .		$110 00	
Town of Stoughton, 1915 .		127 88	
Treasurer's Dept., Commonwealth of Mass., Soldiers' Exemptions .		40 44	
Payrolls and other payments (1915, $16.50)		572 25	
Balance over appropriation to Incidental Account . . .			200 57
Total for Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief . .		$850 57	$850 57
Unpaid bills:			
City of Brockton . .	$100 65		
A. J. Richards & Son, fuel	10 25		
	$110 90		

STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Appropriation		$200 00
Receipts from Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
State Aid . . .		560 00
Military Aid . . .		120 00
Expenditures:		
State Aid . . .	$524 00	
Military Aid . . .	240 00	
	$764 00	
Balance to Town Treasury	116 00	
	$880 00	$880 00

EDUCATION

Appropriation for general maintenance . .		$37 976 00
For Night School and Repairing Roof of Osgood School, see accounts below . . .		
Receipts:		
Treasurer of Norfolk County, dog license 1915 .	$355 99	
Domestic Science Department 1915 . .	450 00	
For printing . . .	6 25	
Special Aid Soc. for American Preparedness, for lighting . . .	4 86	
Social Service League .	4 32	
OFFSET to OUTLAY, account of swings .	50 00	
Transfer, from Printing Account, for printing .	1 75	873 17

Expenditures:		
School Committee (services for)		
Clerical work for Secretary	$33 33	
School accountant . .	50 00	
School census . .	30 00	
Clerk to Superintendent .	292 00	405 33
School Committee (expenses)		
School reports, general .	30 00	
Fire Conditions reports (1000) . . .	55 00	
Fire Conditions reports work on and mailing .	8 00	
Stationary and misc. .	13 38	106 38
Telephones:		
Osgood School . .	57 51	
Superintendent . .	24 33	
Truant Officer . .	8 19	90 03
Superintendent (services) .	800 00	
Truant Officer (services) .	50 00	850 00
Superintendent, expenses:		
Stamps and Stationary .	51 54	
Transportation . .	38 75	
Personal traveling expenses etc. . . .	208 49	298 78
Supervisor, transportation .		36 05
Teachers' salaries:		
Supervisor . . .	200 00	
Principal (see Night School)	1200 00	
High	5479 67	

Elementary (see Night school) including payment to unassigned teacher . . .	$11175 79	$18055 46
Text books and supplies:		
Books (see Night School)	668 46	
Supplies . . .	2351 11	3019 57
Janitors' services, for all schools except Night School . . .		1150 50
Fuel (see Night School) .		1041 32
Buildings and groonnds, maintenance of, including light and power (see Night School) . .		1510 00
Libraries		3 81
Health (reported under "Health & Sanitation" to State) services of physician . .		150 00
Transportation:		
Elmer E. Bates . .	2664 00	
Harry F. Tilden . .	1453 50	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.	849 75	
Cohasset Livery & Sales Stable . . .	3 25	
South Shore Garage .	1 00	4971 50
Tuition to other places .		95 80
Sundries (see Night School)		
Christmas trees . .	13 75	
Graduation expenses, diplomas, $3.30; flowers and plants, $12.75; platforms $20.48 .	36 53	

Base ball supplies (bases)	2 00	
Misc. carting . . .	13 00	
Insurance, C. Lothrop, agt.	260 00	
Rent of Bates Bld. one year	75 00	400 28
Outlay:		
Buildings (1915), balance on "Sanitation" . .	148 55	
Buildings labor and material	49 83	
Buildings ventillator etc. .	85 00	283 38
New Equipment: . .		
Paper incinerator and installing . .	166 00	
Reflectoscope, $179; microscope, $24 75 .	203 75	
Type etc. . . .	324 57	
Desks, $356.85; oak stools $25.50 . . .	382 35	
Filing cabinet, $85.47; sewing machine $28.80	114 27	
Stereopticon, equipping .	29 67	
Shades	45 00	
Swings etc. . . .	77 87	
Playground apparatus, Beechwood . .	28 40	
Fire extinguisher . .	9 35	
Miscel'neous (1915, $13.05)	41 89	1511 12
Drawing tables . .	88 00	
Total for General Maintenance including Transportation .		$33979 31
Unpaid bills: . . .		
Lincoln Bros. Coal Co. coal, approx. .	525 00	
Payroll, miscellaneous bills	75 91	
	$600 91	

REPAIRING ROOF, OSGOOD SCHOOL

Appropriation			$1828 50
Expenditures:			
Architect, Edward Nichols	$ 50 00		
Slating, etc., contract, J. H. Winters	1504 30		
Chimneys, C. E. Frates	150 00	$1704 30	
		35683 61	
Balance over from "Fire Protection", forward		32 98	
Balance to Town Treasury		4961 08	
		$40,677 67	$40,677 67

FIRE PROTECTION, OSGOOD SCHOOL—OUTLAY

Appropriation			$3000 00
Expenditures:			
Architect, George F. Newton		303 10	
Auto-Sprinklers (45), General Fire Exting. Co. Providence, R. I.		800 00	
Masonry work in basement, C. E. Frates		880 00	
Masonry work two exits, A. E. Salvador		205 00	
Carpentry work, J. H. Winters		538 92	
Metal doors, Antoine and Jaquith	108 98		
Metal doors, Wm. P. Malley	16 02	125 00	
Plumbing, M. S. Leonard		65 17	
Wiring, Bosworth and Beal		79 59	

Hardware, Burditt and Williams		36 20	
Balance over appropriation to general account			32 98
		$3032 98	$3032 98
Unpaid bills:			
Burditt & Williams, hardware	12 65		
Thomas W. Byrne, fire alarm system	282 00		
	$ 294 65		

NIGHT SCHOOL

Appropriation		$700 00
Expenditures:		
Instruction (elementary)		
Principal	$126 00	
Teachers	208 00	
Text books	3 53	
Supplies	5 55	
Janitor, services	37 00	
Fuel	35 00	
Light	70 00	
Sundries, printing posters	5 00	
	490 08	
Balance to Treasury	209 92	
	$700 00	$700 00

EDUCATION—GUILD HALL
(Under Selectmen)

No appropriation (maintenance, before building was moved)	

Expenditures:		
Light (1915, $2.04) .	$13 39	
Fuel	27 85	
Labor	1 20	
Total, to Incd. Acct. .	$42 44	

EDUCATION—Under Selectmen

(Tuition paid other cities and towns, under Chapter 471 Acts of 1911)

Paid City of Quincy (to "Agency") - .	$90 00	
Unpaid bill, for December, 1916, $9.00 . .		

LIBRARIES

Appropriation: . . .		$2250 00
Expenditures:		
Rev. William R. Cole, treasurer pro tem Paul Pratt Memorial Library	$2150 00	
Mrs. Ada F. Faxon, treasurer Nantasket Branch Library . . .	100 00	
	$2250 00	$2250 00

TOWN COMMONS

Appropriation (town) .		$600 00
Appropriation (State; towns proportion of cost of Metropolitan Parks)		209 71
Receipts:		
E. L. Furber, for mowing	$16 25	
Cohasset Savings Bank, R. C. Billings fund, int.	86 86	

Merchants National Bank, Boston, interest on bequest of Horace W. Wadleigh . .		$150 65	$253 76
Expenditures:			
Labor (general) . .		442 80	
Use of horse . . .		55 60	
Repairing fence (No. End)		5 75	
Supplies, general . .		18 32	
Lawn mower (Breck) .		11 10	
Express		70	
Extension on push cart .		2 60	
Teams (1915, $3.50) .		9 75	
Billings-Pratt Park, care of		35 00	
Other parks:			
Stoddard's (in front of) (1915, $58.80) .	$105 15		
Thompson, 1915 . .	7 75		
Paul Pratt Mem. Library	113 80		
Guild Hall . . .	44 90		
Cove Park . . .	43 20	314 80	
Total cash paid . .		896 42	
Transfer to Highway acct. for crushed stone .		76 50	
		972 92	
Metropolitan Parks, maintenance . . .		209 71	
Balance over appr'ns and receipts to Incd. Acct.			119 16
		$1182 63	$1182 63
Unpaid bills:			
B. H. Crane, labor Summer St., opp. residence of H. B. Cousens .	$11 00		

Thompson lot, May 10-July 10 . . .	$4 70	$15 70	
Tower Bros. & Co., supplies		2 20	
W. P. Malley, labor on mower . . .		1 70	
		$19 60	

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation . . .			$350 00
Paid Cyrus H. Bates, Commander Henry Bryant Post, 98, G. A. R. .		$350 00	

RECREATION

No Appropriation:			
Paid George Jason, for carting, rolling and harrrowing base-ball field, to Incd. Acc. .		$20 95	

INCIDENTALS
(Unclassified etc)

Appropriation . . .			$2500 00
Receipts:			
Genealogical histories (7)		$24 58	
Narrative histories (2) .		8 00	
Gravel Pit Lot for standing grass . . .		4 00	36 58
Expenditures (Unclassified)			
Town clock, care of .		54 02	
Town Flag, care of .		44 94	
Town reports, delivering, express and postage .		45 58	
Gulf Mill, care of dam .		5 00	

Blanks, printing, express, etc. . . .		$29 81	
Damages to persons and property . . .		30 90	
Addressing machine $34.30; attachments and express $1.99 . .		36 29	
Total Unclassified .		266 54	
Transfered from—			
Law	$79 00		
Town Hall . . .	86 53		
Water for Hydrants etc. .	174 00		
Fire Dept. Selectmen .	5 58		
Tree Warden . . .	98 30		
Dept. Fish & Game Warden . . .	50 00		
James Brook, . .	154 35		
Highways, Selectmen .	230 00		
Harbor Maintenance .	7 75		
Charities . . .	109 14		
Soldiers' & Sailors' Relief	200 57		
Guild Hall, gen'l maint. .	42 44		
Guild Hall, repairs .	916 84		
Town Commons . .	119 16		
Recreation . . .	20 95	2294 61	
Balance over appropriation and receipts .			24 57
Total for Incidentals etc.		$2561 15	$2561 15
Unpaid bill, care Town Flag $3.00 . . .			

NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

Services for Individuals charged to departments, which are reimbursed.

No appropriation:		
Receipts		$612 87
Expenditures	$549 47	
Balance to Treasury	63 40	
	$612 87	$612 87

CEMETERIES

No appropriation		
Raceipts:		
From sale of lots		$271 55
From care of lots		63 54
		$335 09
Expenditures:		
Telephone (B. F. Morse)	$14 04	
Writing deeds	4 50	
Record book and stamps	1 25	
Labor	266 40	
Supplies	5 95	
Manure, 1 cd and 2 feet	5 00	
Total for Cemeteries	$297 14	
Balance to treasury	37 95	
	$335 09	$335 09

INTEREST

Appropriation, town		$2000 00
Appropriation, State, Metropolitan Parks Loan		108 36
Received:		
On deferred taxes	$698 05	

On bank deposits:			
Rockland Trust Company	$168 47		
Hingham Trust Company	258 38		
Webster & Atlas Nat'n'l Bank . . .	35 61	$462 46	
		1160 51	
Transfer from "Trust," on deferred taxes .		52	
			$1161 03
Paid:			
Commonwealth of Mass., Met'n Park Loan .		108 36	
First National Bank, Boston, on $36,000 bonds one year at 4 per cent		1440 00	
Anticipation of Taxes:			
Rockland Trust Co.			
Notes Nos. 12 and 13, at 2.45 per cent disc., due April 4, . . .	$179 67		
Note No. 14, at 2.85 per cent disc., due July 20	142 50		
Note No. 15, at 2.85 per cent disc., due Sept. 20	213 75		
Note No. 16, at 3 per cent disc., due Nov. 20	306 25		
		842 17	
Hingham Trust Co.			
Note No. 17, at 2.88 per cent. plus 25c premium due Nov. 13 . .	$339 79		
Notes Nos. 19 and 20½ at 3.57 per cent discount due Oct. 14 . .	170 60	510 39	
Total for interest . .		$2900 92	

(Note No. 18 spoiled and void.) . . .		
Balance to Treasury .	368 47	
	$3269 39	$3269 39

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE, NORTH COHASSET POST OFFICE BUILDING

No appropriation		
Receipts, from rent . .		$100 00
Expenditure, lock for front door, etc. . .	$4 95	
Balance to Treasury .	95 05	
	$100 00	$100 00

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE, MOVING AND REPAIRING GUILD HALL

(Maintenance and Outlay)

Appropriation		$1000 00
Expenditures:		
Moving building . ,	$240 00	
Cellar ($350.00), chimney, piers, concrete step, excavating and gr'ding	537 75	
Cellar, staking out . .	6 60	
Chimney, lime, brick and lining . . .	19 58	
Old cellar (filling in) .	40 00	
Plastering (contract) .	90 00	
Plumbing (contract) .	48 00	
Wiring	79 45	
Painting outside of building (contract and $2.50 extra) . . .	105 50	

Painting inside, labor	$3 50		
Painting inside, stock	24 99		
		$28 49	
Lumber, etc.		258 38	
Carpentry, stock and labor		393 16	
Hardware, etc.		13 43	
Carting gravel $56; carting ladder, 50 cts		56 50	
Balance over appropriation to incidental acct.			916 84
Total for moving and repairing Guild Hall		$1916 84	$1916 84

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL BUILDING OUTLAY

Appropriation		200 00
Paid Hon. Frank H. Pope, treasurer	$200 00	

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS, BONDS FROM REVENUE

Appropriation		$8000 00
Paid First National Bank, Boston for eight $1000 bonds, maturing Oct. 1, 1916.	$8000 00	

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS, TEMPORARY LOANS.

No appropriation

Received:

From Rockland Trust Co., anticipation of taxes

Note No. 14, $15000, dated March 20, due July 20, less disc. at 2.85%		$14857 50
Note No. 15, $15000, dated March 20, due Sept. 20, less disc. at 2.85%		14786 25
Note No. 16, $15000, dated March 20, due Nov. 20 less discountat 3% .		14693 75
From Hingham National Bank . . .		
Note No. 17, $25000, dated May 23, due Nov. 13, less disc. at 2.88% plus 25 cents premium		24660 21
From Hingham Trust Co.		
Note Nos. 19 & 20 (No. 18 spoiled and void) dated July 15, due Oct. 14, less disc. at 3.57% ($10000 each) . .		19829 40
Paid:		
Rockland Trust Co. (discount charged Interest account . . .		
Notes Nos. 12 & 13, dated Nov. 24, 1915, due April 4, 1916 . ,	$19820 33	
Note No. 14, see description above in receipts .	14857 50	
Note No. 15, see description above in receipts .	14786 25	
Note No. 16, see description above in receipts .	14693 75	
Hingham National Bank		
Note No. 17, see description above in receipts .	24660 21	

Hingham Trust Co. .		
Notes Nos. 19 & 20, see description above .	19829 40	
	$108647 44	$88827 11

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Metropolitan Parks Sinking Fund Requirements

Appropriation—State . .		$18 78
Paid Treasury Dept., Com. of Mass. . .	$18 78	

AGENCY

Including amouuts received for and paid from Corporation Tax Account, Licenses, etc.

Appropriations—State Tax .			$15760 00
County Tax . . .			7495 81
Received—From State Corporation Tax . .			
Public Service . .	$4090 77		
Business . . .	307 38		
National Bank Tax . .	2752 82	$7150 97	
Licenses received:			
Six Class Liquor (1) .	1 00		
Pedlers' (4) . . .	32 00		
Milk (11) . . .	5 50		
Slaughter(3) . . .	3 00		
Swill (5) . . .	2 50		
Piggery (4) . . .	2 00	46 00	7196 97

Paid—			
State Treasurer			
State Tax of 1916 . .	15760 00		
Refund Corp. Tax 1915, as follows:			
Public service . .	470 69		
National Bank Tax .	55 35		
Liquor License, one-fourth	25	16286 29	
Treasurer of Norfolk County—			
County Tax of 1916 . .		$7495 81	
		23782 10	
Balance over payments .		6670 68	
		$30452 78	$30452 78
Balance from "Agency" forward . . .			$6670 68
Charges against above balance:			
Assessors' estimate of receipts from Corp. Tax		$5000 00	
Fore River Bridge, balance over appropriation .		150 00	
Tuition, under Chap. 471, Acts of 1911 . .		90 00	
"Trust," see following account (Transfer) .		13 58	
Refunds, see following acount . . .		21 74	
		$5,275 32	
Balance to treasury		1,395 36	
		$6,670 68	$6,670 68

TRUST.

Paid N. B. Tower, tax collector, for deeds on property sold of Lewis Hedges and Lillias F. Deegan et. al. transferred to following accounts:

Taxes received . . .	$5	88
Interest on deferred taxes .		52
Town Officers—for costs of sale	7	18
To "Agency" as above .	$13	58

REFUNDS.

Taxes, erroneous receipts — to "Agency" as above	$21	74

RESERVE FUND.

Under Chap. 823, Acts of 1913.

April Tax Assessments.

1913 — Deficit balance over Overlay account of 1913, Jan. 1, 1916, forward . . .	$22,986	62
Charges against in 1916— abatements of personal and poll . . .	5	25
Deficit Jan. 1, 1917 .	$22,991	77
1914 — Deficit balance over OVERLAY account of 1914, Jan. 1, 1916, forward .	$2,023	86

Charges against in 1916—abatements of real estate, personal, poll and moth . . .		108 00
Deficit Jan. 1, 1917 .		$2,131 86
1915—Balance Jan. 1, 1916, forward . . .		$2,268 22
Charges against in 1916—abatements of real estate, personal, poll and moth . . .		256 56
Balance Jan. 1, 1917 .		$2,011 66
1916—OVERLAY, see Assessors' report . .		$3,670 85
Abatements in 1916, real estate, personal and moth . . .		674 85
Balance Jan. 1, 1917 .		$2,996 00

DECEMBER TAX ASSESSMENTS

1913—Balance Jan. 1, 1916 and 1917 . . .		$8,433 64
1914—Balance Jan. 1, 1916 and 1917 . . .		4,272 55
1915—Committed to Tax Collector . . .	$4,083 73	
Abatements on personal on above in 1916 . .	3,072 70	
Balance Jan. 1, 1917 .		$1,011 03

1916—Committed to Tax Collector, personal	$1,136 03	
Real estate	22 50	
		$1,158 53

RECAPITULATION AND INDEX FOR 1916.

Accounts of 1916.	Page.	Total Amount Paid.	Appropriations.	Receipts.	Balance to Treasury.	No Appropriation or Balance over Appropriation and Receipts.
Town officers, including Tax Collector, $7.18 transferred to this account from "Trust"	47	$5,950 73	$5,900 00	$99 36	$55 81	
Law—Legal Counsel, $79.00 to Incidental Account	49	379 00	300 00			
Engineering { Maintenance	48	159 26	300 00		140 74	
Engineering { Outlay	49	950 00	1,000 00		50 00	
Town Hall—$86.53 to Incidental Account	49	2,074 24	1,100 00	887 71		
Printing—$1.75 transferred to Schools	51	772 13	850 00		76 12	
Water for Hydrants and Public Buildings, $174 to Incidental Account	52	4,574 00	4,400 00			
Police Department	52	4,233 16	4,000 00	260 10	26 94	
Fire Department—General, $30 transferred to Out Poor; $72.45 to Forest Fires	54	3,865 45	3,820 00	3 00		
Special, repairing buildings	58	814 23	1,000 00		185 77	
Fire Department—Selectmen—to Incidental Account	58	5 58				

Forest Fires, including $72.45 of Fire Department services.	58	424 15	700 00		203 40	
Moth Suppression—$488.34 due this Department	59	8,560 95	4,550 36	4,163 22	152 63	
Tree Warden—$98.30 to Incidental Account	62	698 30	600 00			
Sealer of Weights and Measures	63	198 23	200 00		1 77	
Inspection of Wires	63	500 00	500 00			
Deputy Fish and Game Warden—to Incidental Account	64	50 00				
Board of Health	64	1,358 23	1,464 00	11 00	116 77	
Straits Pond, Cat Dam, etc.	66					
James Brook Cleaning—bal. of $30.40 used in cleaning James Brook; $154.35 to Incidental Account	66	469 60 184 75	500 00			
Inspection of Animals	67	125 00	125 00			
State Highway	67	1,013 72	1,013 72			
Highways and Oiling Streets—$76.50 transferred to this account from Town Commons	67	21,062 26	20,000 00	1,015 63	29 87	
Highways—Selectmen—$230.00 to Incidental Account	70	235 00		5 00		
Highways—Removing Snow	71	5,330 23	3,500 00			1,830 23
" Electric Street Lights	71	6,940 23	6,946 40		6 17	
" Fore River Bridge—$150 to Agency	73	270 00	120 00			

Accounts of 1916.	Page.	Total Amount Paid.	Appropriations.	Receipts.	Balance to Treasury.	No Appropriation or Balance over Appropriation and Receipts.
Harbor Maintenance—$7.75 to Incidental Account	73	363 75	350 00	6 00		
Charities—Cohasset Home	74	2,848 39	8,000 00	177 26		
" Outside Poor	78	5,438 90		396 11		
" General Administration	80	425 22				
$109.14 to Incidental Account. $243.49 due Department.						
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief, $200.57 to Incidental Account	81	850 57	650 00			
State and Military Aid	82	764 00	200 00	680 00	116 00	
Education—Gen'l Maint., $37,976.00, " Repairing Roof Osgood School, $1,828.50 $1.75 transferred from Printing; $32.88 charged fr. Fire Protection	82	35,683 61	39,804 50	871 42	4,961 08	
Education — Fire Protection — $32.98 to General Maintenance	86	3,032 98	3,000 00			
Education—Night School	87	490 08	700 00		209 92	
" Guild Hall, maintenance, to Incidental Account	87	42 44				

Education—Tuition (other places) to Agency	88	90 00				
Libraries	88	2,250 00	2,250 00			
Town Commons—Nantasket Maint.	88	209 71	209 71			
" Gen'l, $76.50 transferred to Highways; $119.16 to Incidental Account		896 42	600 00	253 76		
Memorial Day	90	350 00	350 00			
Recreation—to Incidental Account	90	20 95				
Incidentals { Unclassified, $266.54 Transfers, $2,294.61	90	266 54	2,500 00	36 58		24 57
Telephones for Individuals	92	549 47		612 87	63 40	
Cemeteries	92	297 14		335 09	37 95	
Interest—Metropolitan Parks	92	108 36	108 36			
" General, transfer of 52 cents to this account		2,792 56	2,000 00	1,160 51	368 47	
Public Service Enterprises—North Cohasset P. O. bldg.	94	4 95		100 00	95 05	
Public Service Enterprises—Guild Hall, Repairs and Outlay, $916.84 to Incidental Account	94	1,916 84	1,000 00			
Public Service Enterprises — George Washington Memorial bldg.	95	200 00	200 00			
Municipal Indebtedness—Metropolitan Sinking Fund	97	18 78	18 78			
Municipal Indebtedness—Bonds from Revenue	95	8,000 00	8,000 00			

RECAPITULATION AND INDEX—*Continued.*

Accounts of 1916.	Page.	Total Amount Paid.	Appropriations.	Receipts.	Balance to Treasury.	No Appropriation or Balance over Appropriation and Receipts.
Municipal Indebtedness—Anticipation of Tax Loans	95	108,647 44		88,827 11		
Agency—Corporation Tax—$5,000.00 estimated receipts by assessors .	97	526 29		7,196 97	*1,395 36	
Agency—State Tax	97	15,760 00	15,760 00			
" County Tax	97	7,495 81	7,495 81			
" Trust — transfer from, of $13.58 to other accounts . .						
Refunds—taken from "Agency" .	99	21 74				
Reserve Fund of 1916—balance $2,996		271,561 37	156,086 64	107,098 70	8,293 22	1,854 80

*Balance after deducting various items — see "Agency" and "Trust."			
Cash Payments of 1916—forward,			$271,561 37
Abatements			4,117 36
Transfers—			
From Trust to Taxes	$5 88		
From Trust to Int. account	52		
From Trust to Town Officers account	7 18		
		$13 58	
From Printing to Schools		1 75	
From Fire Dept. to Out Poor		30 00	
From Town Commons to Highways		76 50	121 83
Total warrants drawn on Treasury			$275,800 56

Receipts from Taxes (cash) see Transfers	$157,396 41		
Receipts from other sources, not including transfers	107,098 70		
Transfers, as noted	121 83		
Total Receipts	$264,616 94		
Receipts as above not including transfers		$264,495 11	
Cash balance of Jan. 1, 1916		12,531 67	
		$277,026 78	
Cash payments, forward		271,561 37	
Cash balance, Jan. 1, 1917		$5,465 41	

PUBLIC TRUST FUNDS—SCHOOLS

Ripley Fund:	
On hand Jan. 1, 1916 .	$1020 00
Dividends earned in 1916	41 20
On hand Jan. 1, 1917 .	$1061 20
James W. Nichols Fund:	
On hand Jan 1, 1916 .	$2000 00
Dividends earned in 1916 .	80 80
On hand Jan. 1, 1917 .	$2080 80

PUBLIC TRUST FUNDS—PARKS

Robert Charles Billings Fund:	
On hand Jan. 1, 1916 .	$2150 00
Dividends earned in 1916 on Billings-Pratt Fund	40 40
Dividends earned in 1916 . on Town Commons (Centre) . . .	46 46
	2236 86
Received by town in 1916 from above funds, credit of Town Commons account . .	$86 86
	$2,150 00
Horace W. Wadleigh Fund for Parks:	
On hand Jan. 1, 1916 .	$5000 00
Dividends earned in 1916	150 65
	$5150 65

Received, by town, in 1916 from above funds, credit of Town Commons account . .			150 65
			$5000 00

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IN 1915 AND BEFORE PAID IN 1616

Law—Legal Counsel . . .		$79 00	
Engineering, maintenance .		34 92	
Police Dept.		4 97	
Fire Dept		197 98	
Moth Suppression . .		6 20	
Inspection of Wires . .		13 50	
Board of Health . . .		259 07	
Highways, general . .		122 45	
Highways, oiling streets .		6 56	
Highways. Selectmen . .		75 00	
Highways, Fore River Bridge		30 00	
Harbor Maintenance . .		45 80	
Charities, Cohasset Home .	$367 01		
Charities, Outside Poor .	1122 19		
Charities, Gen'l Adm. .	1 00		1490 20
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief .			254 38
Education, outlay . .			161 60
Education, Guild Hall, maintenance . . .			2 04
Town Commons . . .			70 05
			$2853 72

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE IN 1915.

RECEIVED IN 1916.

Charities, Outside Poor .	$177 88
Education (balanced approximately by amounts receivable in 1916 and not received at closing of books) . . .	805 99
	$983 87

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE IN 1916.

NOT RECEIVED JAN. 1, 1917.

Moth Suppression . .	$488 34
Charities, Outside Poor .	243 39
	$731 73

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IN 1916.

NOT PAID JAN 1, 1917.

(Of which the Town Accountant had knowledge on January 20, 1917.)

For detail, see various accounts.	
Town Officers . . .	$1 50
Town Hall . . .	122 44
Police Department . .	84 21
Fire Department . .	29 07
Forest Fires . . .	1 40
Tree Warden . . .	3 99
Board of Health . .	7 00
Straits Pond, $13.28; James Brook, $9.65 .	22 93
Fore River Bridge . .	30 00

Charities, Cohasset Home .	$368 94	
Charities, Outside Poor .	757 77	
Charities, General Admn. .	10 50	
		$1,137 21
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief		110 90
Education, general . .		600 91
Education, Fire Protection (Outlay) . . .		294 65
Education, tuition to other places . . .		9 00
Town Commons . .		19 60
Incidentals, Unclassified .		3 00
		$2,477 81

LIABILITIES OF COHASSET, AS OF JAN. 1, 1917.

$28,000 coupon 4% bonds, issue of 1911, payable to the First National Bank, Boston, as follows:

Oct. 1, 1917,	Oct. 1, 1918,	Oct. 1, 1919,	Oct. 1, 1920,
$8,000	$8,000	$6,000	$6,000

INSURANCE.

Property.	Amount.	Expires 1917.	Last Prem. Paid.
Town Hall	$2,500 00	April 1	$93 75
Police Auto:			
Liab. $5,000 00			
Fire, 500 00			
	5,500 00	May 26	45 09
Moth Department .	3,000 00	May 15	75 00
Cohasset Home .	10,000 00	Nov. 19	600 00
Schools . .	21,500 00	June 11 and 12	322 50

BALANCE SHEET—COHASSET—1916

RECEIPTS

REVENUE:			
General—			
Real and Personal taxes, 1916	$135,239 77		
Poll for 1916	1,254 00	$136,493 77	
Real and Personal, 1915 and previous, (including transfer of $5.88)	20,412 52		
Poll for 1915 and previous	496 00	20,908 52	
From State (see Agency)		7,150 97	
Licenses, general		46 00	
Licenses on dogs from county		355 99	
From court fines		116 15	$165,071 40
Commercial (including transfers of $115.95)			10,668 43
Municipal indebtedness, temporary loans			88,827 11
Offset to Outlay			50 00
Total receipts, including transfers			$264,616 94
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1916			12,531 67
Grand Total			$277,148 61

PAYMENTS

CURRENT CHARGES AGAINST REVENUE:

Maintenance (including transfers of $108.25)	$120,561 15	
Interest on bonds and temporary loans	2,792 56	$123,353 71
Debt—bonds from revenue	$8000 00	
Metropolitan Sinking Fund	18 78	8,018 78
Outlays		7,845 85
Temporary loans		108,647 44
Agency—State taxes 1916	15,760 00	
Agency—to State, refund, part of corp. tax, 1915	526 04	
Agency—sixth class liq. lic., ¼	25	16,286 29
Agency to County, County tax 1916		7,495 81
Trust—paid tax collector, for deeds		13 58
Refunds — erroneous receipt on acct. taxes		21 74
		$271,683 20
Balance in Treasury Jan. 1 1917		5,465 41
Grand Total		$277,148 61

The above does not include abatements of 1916, $4117.36

FIXED PROPERTY
OUTLAY 1916

Additions to schedules given in reports of previous six years:

Engineering—Tax Survey		$950 00
Town Hall—Auxiliary heating system		248 24
Fire Dept—installation of heating system		420 13
Forest Fires—watch tower in Hingham		200 00
Education—buildings	$283 38	
Education—new equipment	1,511 12	
Education—protection from fire	3032 98	4,827 48
Guild Hall—moving, etc.		1,000 00
Public Service Enterprise—George Washington Memorial Building		200 00
		$7,845 85

OFFSET TO OUTLAY.

Schools — Amount received on account of new equipment	$50 00

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD L. STEVENS,

Auditor and Town Accountant.

Cohasset, Jan. 22, 1917.

TOWN OF COHASSET

REPORT OF

THE SELECTMEN

Together with the Reports of the Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

For Year Ending

DECEMBER 31, 1916

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

Cohasset, Dec. 31, 1916.

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report:

In accordance with the vote at the annual meeting in March last, the Selectmen made every reasonable effort to sell the police automobile for $500.00, but being unable to do so deemed it for the best interest of the town to place the same in the service of the department.

In accordance with the vote at the annual meeting in March, 1916, the Guild Hall has been moved onto the "Thompson Lot" on Summer street, and the old location filled, graded and sowed down, and the many favorable comments received by the Board leads them to believe that the change is an improvement well worth the over-expenditure on the appropriation.

Acting upon a complaint to the Board of Health of the unsanitary condition of James brook, the Selectmen deemed it for the best interest of all concerned to dig it out and remove the vegetable growth from Brook street to the harbor.

The Selectmen have long considered the question of heating the Selectmen's office and Town Accountant's office independently of the main building which could not be done under the old system of heating, and we have installed a small auxiliary heater piped to both rooms and thereby are making a substantial saving in the cost of fuel.

The furniture in the office of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor is antiquated and entirely unfit for the work required, particularly the work of the Assessors, and we earnestly

recommend that new furniture be purchased and the appropriation for the Town Hall be increased to cover the expense.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. MAPES,
HERBERT L. BROWN,
WILLIAM O. SOUTHER, JR.,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN AS A COMMITTEE ON GUIDEBOARDS, 1916.

During the past year guideboards have been erected at the junction of Forest Avenue, North Main and King Streets.

The Committee desires to extend their appreciation to Dr. Oliver H. Howe, President of the Cohasset Motor Club, for his assistance and services in connection with the guideboards.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. MAPES,
HERBERT L. BROWN,
WILLIAM O. SOUTHER, Jr.,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

IMPORTANT

NOTICE

All persons holding a deed of lot or lots in the

WOODSIDE CEMETERY

will please notify me *at once*, the section and lot numbers, as stated in the deed.

H. E. MAPES,

Chairman Board of Selectmen

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Cohasset, Dec. 31 1916.

The Assessors of the Town of Cohasset herewith submit their report for the year 1916.

We are much pleased to show a decrease of $1.00 in our tax rate for this year.

We call the attention of all citizens to the new tax law, requiring a return to the Assessors of all taxable real estate, and tangible personal property.

The second block of the town survey has been completed. We would respectfully urge an appropriation of $1,000 for 1917. We deem it of the utmost importance to continue this survey.

Valuation of real estate, April 1, 1915 . .	$5,111,744 00
Valuation of personal estate, April 1, 1915 .	4,508,938 00
Total	$9,620,682 00
Valuation of real estate, April 1, 1916 . .	$5,267,404 00
Valuation of personal estate, April 1, 1916 .	4,535,560 00
Total	$9,802,964 00
Increase in real estate, 1916 . . .	$155,660 00
Increase in personal estate, 1916 . . .	26,622 00
Total increase	$182,282 00
Number of polls, April 1, 1916, 856 at $2.00	$1,712 00
Valuation $9,802,964.00 at $15.00 . .	147,044 46
Fractions making tax	1 03
Total	$148,757 49

Town grant		$131,480 26
State tax		15,760 00
County tax		7,495 81
Highway tax		1,013 72
Metropolitan tax		336 85
		$156,086 64
Available in treasury	$6,000	
Estimated receipts from corporation tax	5,000	11,000 00
		$145,086 64
Overlayings		3,670 85
		$148,757 49
Valuation of real estate and personal assessed December 19, 1916		$77,235 00
Number of persons assessed		1,499
Number of persons assessed on property		987
Number of persons assessed on poll tax only		512
Number of houses assessed		823½
Number of horses assessed		171
Number of cows assessed		207
Number of neat cattle assessed		18
Number of fowl assessed		810
Number of acres of land assessed		6,114⅜

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. BROWN,
HARRY E. MAPES,
WILLIAM O. SOUTHER, Jr.,
Assessors.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

1916. TOWN OF COHASSET in account with Newcomb B. Tower, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

DR.

Paid orders of the Selectmen as follows:

Town officers	$5,957 91
Legal services	379 00
Engineering and plotting	1,109 26
Town Hall	2,074 24
Printing	773 88
Water for hydrants and public buildings	4,574 00
Police department	4,233 16
Fire department, general expense of	3,895 45
Fire department, special expense of, by Selectmen	5 58
Fire department, special repairs	814 23
Forest Fires department	424 15
Gypsy Moth department	8,560 95
Tree Warden's department	698 30
Sealer of Weights and Measures' department	198 23
Inspector of Wires department	500 00
Deputy Fish and Game Warden's department	50 00
Board of Health department	1,358 23
Straits pond, Cat dam, James' brook and Cove bridge gate	654 35
Inspection of animals	125 00
Town commons and parks	972 92
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as follows:	
State tax	15,760 00
Metropolitan Parks Loan Sinking Fund	18 78
Metropolitan Parks Loan, Interest on	108 36

Metropolitan Parks Loan Fund, Nantasket, maintenance	209 71
Repairs of State Highways	1,013 72
Refund on Corporation taxes	526 04
One-fourth of sixth class liquor license fee	25
Henry D. Humphrey, County Treasurer, County tax	7,495 81
Treasurer of Fore River Bridge Association, assessments	270 00
Highways and Sidewalks department, general	15,736 26
Highways and Sidewalks department, special, by Selectmen	235 00
Oiling streets	5,326 00
Removing snow	5,330 23
Electric lights, for streets	6,940 23
Harbor maintenance	363 75
Cohasset Home, maintenance of	2,848 39
Outside Poor department	5,864 12
Soldiers' and Sailors' relief	850 57
State and Military aid	764 00
Schools, general maintenance of	29,050 25
School buildings, repairs of	1,704 30
Evening school	490 08
Schools, transportation of pupils	4,971 50
Outside tuition	90 00
Public Libraries, maintenance of	2,250 00
Osgood School building, Fire protection	3,032 98
Memorial Day	350 00
Recreation	20 95
Cemeteries	297 14
Incidentals	266 54
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.	549 47
Interest and discount	2,793 08
First National Bank, Boston, eight $1,000 bonds	8,000 00
Net proceeds of notes for money hired in anticipation of taxes	108,647 44
North Cohasset Post-office building, repairs	4 95

Town's contribution for George Washington Memorial building at Washington, D. C.			200 00
Guild Hall, moving, etc.			1,916 84
Abatements on taxes			4,117 36
Refund, etc., on taxes			27 62
			$275,800 56
Balance:			
Unpaid taxes as follows:			
1913	$8 50		
1914	64 63		
1914 Moth tax	1 65		
1915	1,101 52		
1915 Moth taxes	4 13		
1916	12,784 05		
1916 Moth taxes	327 22		
		$14,291 70	
Cash on hand and deposit		5,465 41	
			$19,757 11
			$295,557 67

Cr.

Balance in treasury from former account			$38,694 80
Henry D. Humphrey, Treasurer of Norfolk County, dog license money for 1915			355 99
Town of Hingham, reimbursement on Poor account			325 11
Town of Scituate, reimbursement on Poor account			70 55
Hingham Trust Co., money hired in anticipation of taxes, three notes	$45,000 00		
Less discount	510 39		
			44,489 61
Rockland Trust Co., money hired in anticipation of taxes, three notes	$45,000 00		
Less discount	662 50		
			44,337 50
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, sundry receipts, as follows:			
Corporation tax, public service			4,090 77

Corporation tax, business	307 38
National Bank tax	2,752 82
Military aid	120 00
State aid	560 00
On Gypsy Moth account	55 22
Transportation of paupers	45
Miss Florence L. Beal, P. M., rent for North Cohasset Post-office	100 00
Sundry persons, full or partial payments on Woodside Cemetery lots	271 55
Sundry persons, care of Woodside Cemetery lots	63 54
Sundry persons, New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., service	637 82
Sundry persons and departments, on School account	467 18
Sundry persons and organizations, on Gypsy Moth account	761 37
Sundry persons and departments, on Highway account	1,092 13
Sundry persons, on Police account	40 00
Samuel H. Capen, Sheriff, Norfolk County, fines	11 00
Lawrence W. Lyons, Clerk of East Norfolk District Court, fines	105 15
Fire Department, by Henry E. Brennock, Chief, for junk sold	3 00
Harbor maintenance account, for two mooring stones sold	6 00
Street Fountain account, by the Selectmen	5 00
Town Commons account, standing grass sold, and private lawn mowing	20 25
On Cohasset Home account	177 26
On Outside Poor account	30 00
On Outlay account, schools	50 00
Town Histories sold, and postage	32 58
One Sixth-class liquor license	1 00
D. W. Gilbert, Inspector, for Milk licenses issued	5 50

I. F. Sylvester, Clerk of Board of Health, for swill and piggery permits, and slaughter licenses issued	7 50
Four special Town licenses issued by the treasurer	32 00
Lyman B. Cozzens, rental of Town Hall	415 00
Frank W. Mead, rental of Town Hall	215 50
Louis J. Morris, janitor, income from Town Hall	260 71
Officer's services at Town Hall	86 50
Cohasset Savings Bank, income R. C. Billings' Park fund	40 40
Cohasset Savings Bank, income R. C. Billings' Commons fund	46 46
Interest on Bank deposits (including $150.65 interest on the H. W. Wadleigh Park fund)	613 11
Interest on taxes collected	698 57
Summonses on taxes collected	62 80
Fees for Tax Collector's affidavits	4 52
Sundry persons, advertising, etc., in connection with Tax Collector's sale	39 22
Assessors' Tax List, committed July 7, 1916	148,757 49
Assessors' Moth List, committed with taxes	3,046 83
Assessors' supplementary Poll Tax assessment	32 00
Assessors' December, 1916, assessment	1,158 53
	$295,557 67

(The $5,000.00 Horace W. Wadleigh bequest to the Town for Park purposes, remains on deposit, intact, and is not included in the foregoing report. The income from the same to date of this report, has, however, been withdrawn, the amount of which was $150.65, and is accounted for in the report.)

Respectfully submitted,

NEWCOMB B. TOWER,

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

Cohasset, Dec. 30, 1916.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1916

Cohasset, Mass., January 31, 1917

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: The Board of Engineers appointed by your honorable board for the year ending April 30, 1917, met in accordance with your instructions and organized with the following choice of officers:—

Chief—Henry E. Brennock

Assistant Chief—George Jason

District Chief—George F. Sargent, Jr.

District Chief—Sidney L. Beal

Clerk—Thomas A. Roche

The department has been called to answer 46 alarms during the past year. The buildings at the Cove have been somewhat improved from the special appropriation of 1916. We recommend as in the past more suitable quarters for the apparatus.

We respectfully recommend that the sum of $3500 be raised and appropriated for maintenance; this includes the salary of the Chief.

We also recommend the sum of $400 be raised and appropriated for painting Combination No. 1 and for new rear tires for this apparatus.

After the closing of the books on January 1, 1917, unpaid bills against the special appropriation for repairs and installation of heating apparatus to the amount of $63.21 were presented

against the balance that reverted to the Treasury of $185.77. We respectfully ask that this $63.21 be reappropriated to cover these bills.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. BRENNOCK, Chief
GEORGE JASON
GEORGE F. SARGENT, JR.
SIDNEY L. BEAL
THOMAS A. ROCHE, Clerk.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Board of Selectmen :—

Gentlemen—Your sealer in submitting his fourth annual report would simply state that all scales, weights and measures have been tested and sealed as required by law, and inspected thereafter at such intervals as to protect the interests of both seller and consumer.

Re-weighings have been made from time to time both by the Sealer and by others at his request, and results would show commendable care and the expected honesty of our merchants.

Hawkers and pedlars doing business in Cohasset regularly, with possibly one or two exceptions, are now provided with licenses and early application by these will be made. While it may be true that these dealers visit the town from time to time, especially in outlying districts, a frequent patrol in search of them is beyond the financial ability of this department.

I would respectfully suggest the same appropriation as last year.

Yours very truly.

CALEB NICHOLS

Cohasset, Jan. 23, 1917. *Sealer*

SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: I respectfully submit my eighth report as Local Superintent of Moth Work, and must say the conditions throughout the town are generally improved in the residential sections. These conditions have been brought about by the cooperation of the citizens with the Moth Superintendent, as the citizens have become more interested each year, and by their help I have been able to keep the town in good condition.

There has been a large amount of private work done during the past year. Mr. Dodge on North Main street has had the larger part of his estate cleaned up, taking out all the underbrush and cutting fifty or more cords of oak wood, which was put on the market and sold at a reasonable price. This was a great help to the people of the town, as coal is scarce and high. Also Mr. Benjamin D. Hyde has had a lot of work done, putting about the same number of cords of wood on the market, which the public had the benefit of; also cleaning up about the same number of acres of land. This kind of work is what should be done as it employs a number of men, and the Town Treasurer has, or will receive checks to the amount of about $700 from Mr Dodge and Mr. Hyde for labor.

And what is more essential in my opinion it is the only way to solve the moth question, especially if they follow up by spraying the next season. The town is well equipped at the present time having three spraying machines in good condition. All were in use during the spraying season last year. Therefore I

was able to do all the spraying at the proper time, as the spraying should be done when the caterpillars are small if the best results are expected.

A statement of finances of the department will be found in the Town Accountant's report.

Respectfully submitted

JOSEPH E. GRASSIE

Local Superintendent

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN FOR 1916

I hereby submit my report as Tree Warden for the year ended December 31, 1916. There seems to be but little need of entering into a detailed report regarding the care of your shade trees, etc. Almost every citizen of Cohasset realizes the great benefits derived from our trees along our public ways, and on other public grounds.

The citizens should take more interest in this department, as our trees are one of the great attractions of Cohasset. The appropriation for this department is very limited and cannot properly do the necessary work on our large shade trees and continue the setting out of young trees and properly spray trees on our public ways and grounds. In 1916 the appropriation was $600, $400 less than the previous year. It is false economy to neglect removing dangerous trees and dead limbs, and by such neglect endanger life and property.

I purchased and planted four dozen trees this year, and there should be planted each year at least this number.

At the conclusion of this report I have given the amount expended for labor on the different streets of the town, also other items of the expenses of the department not itemized as to streets. I also give the location as to streets and expense of planting the four dozen trees purchased this year. It was impossible to do the necessary work this year with the six hundred dollars appropriated for this department, and I can assure you the money was not wasted. I was compelled to appeal to the Board of Selectmen for additional funds to remove some trees which were discovered to be dangerous after my appropriation had been exhausted. This work was done to safeguard life and property along the public ways. I recommend $800 for the department for the ensuing year as the smallest amount necessary to carry on the work.

By unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen I was appointed Supervisor of Moth Work for the year 1917. By combining these two offices the work can be conducted in both departments in a more satisfactory manner, and I trust I shall again be elected as your Tree Warden on March 5, 1917.

I submit the following items of expense:

Location of new trees and cost of planting:	
32 trees Beechwood and Church streets (labor) .	$27 00
7 trees Ripley road (labor)	4 90
9 trees Norfolk road (labor)	4 90
	$36 80

AMOUNT EXPENDED ON STREETS AS FOLLOWS

Pruning and Cutting Trees

Jerusalem road	$64 88
Elm street	69 42
South Main street	77 44
North Main street	10 38
Depot avenue	13 90
Stockbridge street	9 85
Summer street	8 60
Nichols road	3 70
Highland avenue	7 50
Margin street	3 70
Bow street	6 10
Ripley road	8 60
Beechwood street	3 60
Church street	1 85
Hull street	1 50
Short street	1 80
Cleaning up limbs after gale on all streets	23 25

Spring street	9 50	
Cushing road	5 00	
Beach street	14 05	
Norfolk road	1 85	
		$346 47

Other items of account not included in preceding labor items:

Rochester Nursery, Charles A. Tanger, Agent, 36 12-foot maple trees	$84 00	
Lincoln Elms, 12 8-foot maple trees	15 00	
George Young, carting freight	1 24	
		$100 24
Themmas Chemical Co., lead	$96 00	
Central Garage, gasolene	7 00	
Central Garage, oil	3 00	
Tower Bros. Co., tools	1 30	
M. A. Burke, repairs	1 15	
Cohasset Hardware Co., tools	4 28	
M. J. Sullivan, supplies	2 75	
E. E. H. Souther, poison cards, etc.	6 20	
		$121 68
George Young, teaming	$44 00	
Harry F. Tilden, teaming	33 88	
Harry N. Marden, teaming	38 50	
Wm. T. Barnes, teaming	2 88	
		$119 26
George Young, filing saws	$4 75	
Franklin Stoddard, filing saws	1 40	
John W. Bates, load loam	2 00	
L. L. Worrick, 36 cedar stakes	2 50	
		$10 65

Total for Tree Warden	$698 30
Amount exceeding appropriation	$98 30

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE YOUNG.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

Cohasset, December 31, 1916.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Cohasset:

Gentlemen:—We have the honor to submit the seventh annual report of your Board of Health for the year ending December 31st, 1916.

The town has been comparatively free from contagious and infectious diseases during the past year.

We have had many complaints, all of which have been attended to in a satisfactory manner. Most of our trouble has been from overflowing cesspools, and it is the belief of this Board of Health that there is urgent need of some sort of sewage system in the town.

This Board earnestly recommends that a committee be appainted to investigate the needs and most economical system of sewage disposal as this problem has assumed such proportions that it is a constant source of annoyance to many people and a distinct detriment to the public health.

Some means for the proper disposal of garbage should be provided, and if a small appropriation is voted for this purpose the garbage from all the inhabitants of the town could be collected, thus obviating, in the summer, much odor from its decomposition and another breeding place for flies eliminated.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE OSGOOD, *Chairman*

TOWN OF COHASSET

REPORT OF THE

Paul Pratt Memorial Library

AND THE

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

For Year Ending

DECEMBER 31, 1916

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

In Account with Oliver H. Howe, Treasurer

Dr.

To Payments in 1916

For Books	$180 79
Reinvestment of Funds	500 00
Commissions and Federal Tax on sale	3 23
Rent of Safe Deposit Box	5 00
Treasurer's Bond	2 50
Insurance of Books	42 60
Moving Wadleigh Books	2 50
Postage, Stationery and Typewriting	2 48
Support of Paul Pratt Memorial Library	259 81
Balance on Deposit January 1, 1917;	
Cohasset Savings Bank	28 82
New England Trust Co.	636 46
	$1664 19

Cr.

By Receipts in 1916

Balance on Deposit January 1, 1916	$986 99
Income from investments	657 41
Profit, exchange of Bonds	6 25
Interest:	
Cohasset Savings Bank	6 98
New England Trust Co.	6 56
	$1664 19

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Schedule of Invested Funds

BONDS

$2,000.00	N. Y. Central Lines, Equipment Trust 5s.
1,000.00	Massachusetts Gas Companies 4½s.
3,000.00	American Telephone & Telegraph Collateral Trust 4s.
1,000,00	Minneapolis Gen. Elec. Co. 5s.
2,000.00	Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry. 4s.
1,000.00	Ellicott Square Co. 1st mortgage 5s.
1,500.00	Western Telephone & Telegraph Co. 5s
2,000.00	New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. 5s.
1,000.00	Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. 1st mortgage 5s
$14,500.00	

OLIVER H. HOWE, *Treasurer.*

Cohasset, January 1, 1917.

We have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and properly vouched. We have also examined the securities in which the funds of the Library are invested, as shown by the foregoing schedule.

GEORGE W. COLLIER,
EDWARD NICHOLS,

Examining Committee.

Cohasset, January 1st 1917.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

We herewith submit our report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1916.

Early in the year the committee appointed by the directors to secure new quarters for the Beechwood Branch Library, made a proposition to the trustees of the Beechwood Improvement Association by which they could keep the branch library in their building.

The proposition was accepted, and a new wing, containing a reading room and a stackroom was added to the B. I. A. building, and equipped for library purposes.

These rooms were dedicated for use as a library, with appropriate exercises on Aug. 29, 1916, and have been leased from the Beechwood Improvement Association for a term of five years at a rental of $185. Recent bequests of books will make it possible for a large number of duplicate copies to be placed permanently on the shelves of the Beechwood Branch Library in the near future.

We feel that in the death of our Treasurer, the late Mr. James Longley, the board of directors has lost a valuable officer and a true friend. As executor of the will of the donor he manifested an intense interest in the proposed memorial; as director he gave freely of his time and means toward the efficiency of the library; and as treasurer since its establishment his wide experience in financial affairs was placed at the services of the library without reserve.

At the meeting of the directors Jan. 22, 1917, Mr. Herbert L. Brown was unanimously elected a director, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr. James Longley. The choice was made with the purpose to have the important extension work

in the Beechwood Branch Library represented by a director from that section of the town.

The reports of the Treasurer and Libraian, which are subjoined, give details of the work of the Library and of the cost of its maintenance.

C. C. WHEELWRIGHT, *President*
W. R. COLE, *Clerk and Treasurer pro tem.*
HARRY E. MAPES
EDWARD NICHOLS
GEORGE W. COLLIER
F. V. STANLEY
HERBERT L. BROWN
Board of Directors.

PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

In Account with William R. Cole, Treasurer, Pro Tem.

Dr.

To Payments for the Year 1916:		
For Librarians' and Janitor's Salaries		$1,250 00
For wood and coal	$268 25	
For electric lighting	157 58	425 83
For books, magazines and binding		256 26
For repairs and maintenance		310 43
For rent, Beechwood Branch		120 84
For printing and stationery	$49 67	
For insurance	34 65	
For telephone	21 93	
For postage and box-rent.	9 90	
For supplies	32 26	
For express, carting and other items	50 40	198 81
		$2,562 17

Balance January 1, 1917, in Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.		959 33
	$3,521 50	$3,521 50

Cr.

By Receipts for the year 1916:		
Balance January 1, 1916, on deposit Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.		$127 59
From income from investments, Pepperell Manufacturing Co., dividends	$252 00	
From income from investments, Pepperell Manufacturing Co., extra dividends	360 00	
From income from investments, Essex Company, dividends	33 00	
From income from investments Essex Company, extra dividends	55 00	
From income from investments, Commonwealth Electric Co., coupons	100 00	
From income from investments, Roxford Knitting Co., coupons	50 00	850 00
From Town of Cohasset, appropriation for Library		2,150 00
From income from unrestricted funds of "Cohasset Free Public Library"		259 81
From returned insurance premiums		10 50
From Fines, etc., at Library		113 27
From Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co., interest		10 33
		$3,521 50

WILLIAM R. COLE, *Treasurer pro tem.*

January 1, 1917.

Cohasset Mass., January 13, 1917.

We have examined the Treasurers' accounts of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library for the year 1916 and find same correct with proper vouchers for disbursements. The securities and fire insurance policies as listed have been inspected in safe deposit vault. The bank account of the library has been verified.

OLIVER H. HOWE
CHARLES W. GAMMONS
Auditing Committee

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The following is a report of the work in the Library for the year ending December 31, 1916:

The Library has been open every library day in the year, with the exception of days for taking of inventory and legal holidays.

Gifts of books, magazines and weekly papers have been received from Messrs. A. S. Bigelow, J. S. Bigelow, E. H. Tower, J. A. Lee, Hon. D. J. Hill, R. Edgar, James Longley, Mrs. A. A. Sherry, Mrs. W. S. Sheubruk, Mrs. W. L. Parker, Mrs. C. G. Plant, Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association, Massachusetts Anti Woman's Suffrage Association, Col. Thomas Lothrop Chapter, D. A. R., State and Government.

REGISTRATION AND CIRCULATION

Population of Cohasset, 1915 census	2,800
Total registration from July, 1903 to Dec. 31, 1916	3,215
Registration in force Dec. 31, 1915	1,789
Registration for year 1916	175
Registration cancelled 1916	122
Registration in force Dec. 31, 1916	1,842
(Being about 65 per cent. of the population)	
Library open, days	291
Books issued for home use	16,830

Average home use per diem	57.8
Average home use per inhabitant	6.0

Classification and use including branch library.

	Juvenile	Adult	Total
Philosophy and Religion	35	79	115
History and Biography	380	762	1142
Travel and Description	289	369	658
Literature and Poetry	313	409	722
Social Sciences	21	195	216
Natural Sciences	138	189	327
Arts, which include Music	217	481	698
Fiction	4609	9391	14,000
Magazines	295	1852	2147
	6298	13,727	20,025

REPORT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN'S READING FROM LISTS FROM SEPT. 1915, TO JULY, 1916.

Grade	Children	Books
Fourth	30	380
Fifth	17	188
Sixth	32	375
Seventh	17	210
Eighth	16	198
Totals	112	1351

Average, nearly 14.

During the year 187 books have been sent to the Nantasket Library, and to the Beechwood Branch 312 books, besides the books that are to remain there permanently.

ACCESSIONS

Number of volumes in library Dec. 31, 1915		14,801
Number added by purchase, 1916	159	
Number added by gift, 1916	698	

Number added by binding magazines, 1916 .	28	885
		15,686
Number withdrawn		110
Total number of volumes in library Dec. 31, 1916		15,576

The total amount of money spent during the year for books has been $199.73.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH B. COLLIER

Librarian

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

To the Citizens of Cohasset:

I have the honor to present herewith my report as Highway Surveyor of the Town of Cohasset for the year 1916.

I took advantage of the open weather during January, 1916, to start much needed repairs on Smith place. Stone and gravel were placed along the street to a depth of from one foot to one and one-half, and later in the season covered with tarvia. That part of Cushing road from Smith place to Pleasant street was similarly treated. Elm court was improved by the addition of stone and gravel, the material being supplied by the town and spread by the abutters.

The routine work was somewhat delayed in the spring and early summer by the unusually wet season, the U. S. weather bureau records showing a greater rain and snow fall than we have experienced for many years. This fact, of course, made the handling of the tarvia work late and more difficult than usual, but in spite of this handicap I succeeded in getting all the streets cared for in a satisfactory manner.

The stone crusher was used to good advantage. Spring street was widened near the junction of Cushing road and the ledge blasted and crushed, the material used on south Main and Summer streets. We now have a 24 foot travel way on Spring street in place of 12 feet as formerly. The low ground on the side of the road was filled in for a sidewalk as far as the railroad crossing. Gates should be provided at this point which now has developed into a much travelled way, and a petition to the Selectmen asking the Railroad company for this much needed protection, undoubtedly would be furnished. The sidewalk should be continued to South Main street, thus carrying foot travel all the way from Pleasant street. By widening South Main street over the hill opposite the residence of Mr. Allen a very dangerous

spot hitherto existing has been removed. It is now possible for four teams or automobiles to pass at this point at one time.

Deer hill was covered with stone and gravel, and a part of Pond street widened by filling in with pasture stone. Beechwood street from the A. Pratt estate to a point beyond J. Whitcomb's widened, gravelled and bound with tarvia, which prevents the gravel from spreading and makes a foundation for the next coating of tarvia. Margin street, Oak street, and Summer street recieved considerable attention over and above the usual routine repair work.

Following my usual custom I devoted considerable attention to our sidewalks. From W. P. Malley's to the Police Station the sidewalk was dressed with crushed stone, also on Summer street from the residence of Mrs. Sankey to South Main street, also both sides of South Main street from Summer to Brook street.

Both the Mill and Cunningham bridges will need attention the coming year. The wall on the river side of the Mill bridge must be rebuilt. An estimate will be given at the March meeting. The sills and the planking of Cunningham bridge must be done in the spring, before the summer travel arrives. The roads and sidewalks of Cohasset are in better condition than ever before and show improvement from year to year. The difficulties besetting the Highway Surveyor are many. The ever increasing automobile travel, the numerous sharp turns and curving streets, lack of drainage, the large number of steep hills, the difficulty of keeping help at our present wages, makes the proper and economical expenditure of the Highway appropriation a matter of most careful planning.

I wish to express my appreciation of the increasing interest shown in the Highway Department by many of the citizens, as it is by cooperation between the Department and the citizens of the town that the best results can be obtained.

My financial accounts follows.

Respectfully submitted

GEORGE JASON

Highway Surveyor

ASSETS OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

One steam roller	$1200 00	
One Crusher boiler, steam drill	1500 00	
One iron Studebaker oil cart with spray pump	750 00	
Two Abbot Dowing oil carts with spray pumps	400 00	
Two watering carts	75 00	
Two snow plows	100 00	
Six snow plows	120 00	
Four snow plows	50 00	
Two snow plows	20 00	
Two gutter plows	14 00	
One road machine	15 00	
Tools and tool box, chains, etc	80 00	
Five barrels tarvia B	25 00	
Five barrels tarvia X	45 00	
One 100-gal tar heating cart	40 00	
		$4,434 00
Amount of appropriation	$20,000 00	
Credit for labor etc	1,092 13	
		21,092 13
Amount expended, including tarring sidewalks and outside work.		21,062 26
Balance to Treasury		$29 87

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First Parish	$2 50
D. S. Dean	150 05
O. H. Howe, M. D.	11 85
Mrs. T. B. Williams.	93 60
Mrs. Charles C. Wheelwright	4 80
Mrs. C. H. Bates	5 40
H. C. Long	14 40
School Department	6 00
George T. Newton	30 00
M. Mulhure	8 40

N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., refund for overcharge	$7 00	
C. P. Clifford	8 40	
W. Shurbrurk	72 80	
E. E. H. Souther	21 60	
A. W. Hatch	42 57	
Second Congregational Society.	6 90	
J. W. Tuckerman, Jr.	15 00	
Mrs. A. J. Linnell	50 15	
Cohasset Supply Co	49 00	
Mrs. E. Snow, Jr.	16 06	
B. P. Clark	39 25	
Independent Oil Co	156 30	
Mrs. J. B. Woodford	22 05	
F. C. Allen	6 47	
H. A. Tucker	3 03	
H. L. Willard	11 50	
Mrs. Nina E. Lincoln	4 80	
George Jason	72 80	
Paul Pratt Memorial Library	13 50	
Mrs. Lester Harding	1 20	
John Daley & Sons	16 65	
D. N. Tower	26 25	
Wm. H. McGaw	22 95	
Town Common Sidewalks	76 50	
Evan P. Wentworth.	2 40	
		$1,092 13

PAID OUT FOR LABOR, ETC.

F. Beal	$3 15
C. Lincoln	28 80
H. H. White	149 70
M Oliver	144 00
J. F. Smith	274 20
M. Thompson	100 80
A. Francis	297 60

M. S. Enos	$9 60
G. A. Silva	4 80
M. Almirda	195 00
G. W. Flint	14 40
John J. Grassie	2 40
P. O'Keefe	31 20
A. J. Taylor	35 85
A. S. Richardson	103 80
E. Morse	72 90
H. W. Burbank	273 40
W. Campbell	78 60
J. F. Baudura	198 60
J. Leary	156 00
J. Silvia	109 20
J. F. Silvia	238 60
G. Stoddard	90 00
H. F. Keating	214 80
H. P. Briggs	67 20
J. A. Donovan	58 80
A. Baudura	37 80
J. R. Bean	36 00
B. Keefe	14 40
J. Roche	24 00
A. J. Silvia	190 50
C. P. Silvia	25 20
F. Cadose	14 40
J. Durithorne	16 80
T. Mathies	61 20
W. P. Bates	26 40
W. Powers	86 40
W. J. Rooney	28 80
R. Stevens	15 60
C. L. Curtis	192 60
J. Kinsley	2 40
S. L. Damon	3 60
W. J. Brennock	3 30
A. J. Morris	2 40

J. Hyland	$2 40
G. F. Sargent	157 80
W. P. Arnold	142 80
J. Bates	109 20
J. Ferreira	68 40
T. H. Stoddard	52 80
J. Graves	80 60
G. W. Pratt	36 00
E. L. James, labor and gravel	11 80
B. Kennedy	19 20
T. O'Neil	104 40
W. Whitcomb	14 40
F. J. Antoine	15 60
S. Grinnell	63 00
H. Sullivan	2 40
H. J. Makin	25 20
A. James	2 40
James Dalton	25 20
M. Heley	25 20
W. E. McGrath	30 00
P. T. Ford	45 60
A. J. Ferreira	13 20
E. M. Cronican	4 80
J. H. Kimball	58 20
D. D. Desmond	54 00
E. T. Reilly	58 80
B. Daley	18 00
D. Goldin	58 80
J. Morris	63 00
N. R. Prouty	21 00
P. Grassie, steam drill	68 86
W. Laury	48 60
E. McSweeney	10 80
J. M. Keating	27 60
H. W. Apts	43 20
R. J. Clark	42 00
G. F. Sargent, Jr.	60

R. Kinsley	$ 60
P. Pratt	24 00
W. F. Burke	19 20
F. Brosnahan	2 40
H. O. Wood	48 60
J. Feritas	43 20
S. L. Beal	38 25
A. Figereido -	3 60
J. J. Silvia	3 60
F. E. Jason	7 20
F. Mitchell	3 60
T. A. Tower, blacksmithing, etc. .	465 07
T. H. Henry, ledgeman, etc. . .	232 21
J. T. Barnes, fireman, etc. . .	251 10
S. N. Thayer, engineer, etc . .	508 30
J. J. Grassie, care of lanterns and labor	276 70
D. F. O'Brien, care of lanterns and labor	203 15
J. H. Davis, painting fences . .	6 00
A. H. Prouty, painting fences . .	33 00
E. Snow, painting fences . . .	37 80
J. Jason, painting fences . . .	37 80
G. P. Tower, painting fences . .	31 20
H. W. Lincoln, painting Cunningham bridge one coat . . .	90 00
J. W. Brennock, labor on tool chest .	12 00
C. E. Frates, labor catch basin . .	12 70
I. F. Sylvester, labor catch basin .	9 25
J. H. Winters, repairing damage (valine)	18 40
Litchfield & Lincoln, repairing bridge	29 35
N. England Road Machine Co. . .	130 05
J. H. Pinkham, stone . . .	11 25
E. L. Stevens, cash expressing . .	47
Cohasset repair shop, supplies . .	65 65
Bosworth & Beal, wireing roller house	24 00

J. L. Sullivan, repairing damage (valine)	$18 00
Tower Bros. & Co., paints, drain pipe, etc.	305 65
Adams Express	1 46
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.	25 00
A. E. Grassie, covering roller top	20 00
Buffalo Steam Roller Co. repairs.	154 97
H. L. Bond, dynamite, etc.	49 03
A. Hiltz, piping boiler.	22 82
E. J. Pratt, stove and repairs on B. House	40 00
Mrs. Ritha Leonard, stone and gravel	43 25
Litchfields Express,	82
C. H. Trott Co., explosives, etc.	14 60
Puritan Iron Works, grates and frames	52 50
E. W. Bates, trash wood	7 50
Moore & Co., dynamite	25 00
C. A. Claflin, tube cleaning	24 00
Kurney Mfg. Co., repairing pumps	14 00
Cohasset Supply Co., oil, etc.	6 65
A. Barrows, clay	5 00
M. S. Leonard, repairing boiler	8 50
The Lane Quarry Co., broken stone	12 80
H. H. Elworth, clay	7 25
Cohasset Water Co., battery	15 00
M. J. Sullivan, waste, etc.	4 24
Mrs. Sullivan, drain pipe	5 72
Good Road Machine Co., supplies	4 73
Lincoln Bros. Co., coal	115 69
J. St. John, supplies	6 65
South Shore Garage, supplies	3 75
Walworth Mauufacturing Co., supplies	14 19
M. A. Burke, blacksmithiug	34 68
Barrett Manufacturing Co., patching material, etc.	330 19
W. H. McGaw, patching fences, etc.	40 92

Cohasset Hardware Co., paints, etc.	$73 90
William T. Tilden, carpentering and six months' rent	40 92
William P. Malley, blacksmithing	45 69

TEAMS, ETC.

A. A. Davenport	$75 88
Ira N. Pratt	119 76
S. E. Pratt	14 38
E. C. Bates, team and stone	114 50
W. W. Bates team	112 00
E. E. Bates team	31 63
J. W. Bates, team and stone	79 88
T. Keating, team	6 00
O. H. Ball, team	40 25
G. W. Mealy, team	251 57
J. E. Grassie, team and covering	251 00
T. J. Ayers, team and covering	250 20
J. T. Barnes, team	296 14
H. F. Tilden, team and storing carts	534 23
H. L. McMahon, team and 1 pair shafts	191 00
George Jason, team	842 41
W. T. Barnes, team	510 33
H. L. Willard, team	210 07
E. J. Lincoln, team	117 00
Henry Rogers, team	17 25
T. A. Stevens, team	51 75
J. W. Whitcomb, team, stone and gravel	411 66
T. W. Whitcomb, team	17 25
C. W. Bates, team	53 20
H. N. Marden, team	40 50
J. J. Pratt, team	25 88
D. Souther, team and stone	102 63
H. H. White, team and labor	105 20
T. L. Grassie, team	172 00
George Jason, wages	1,000 00
	$15,736 26

TARVIA, TEAMING, LABOR, ETC.

T. A. Tower, labor, etc.	$160 50
H. W. Burbank, labor	38 40
W. A. Campbell, labor	26 40
W. P. Arnold, labor	2 40
J. F. Bandura, labor	82 80
G. F. Sargent, labor	4 80
J. F. Silvia, labor	27 00
T. O'Neil, labor	27 60
A. J. Ferreira, labor	2 40
W. A. Whitcomb, labor	4 80
Ira Bates, labor	20 40
G. Flint, labor	12 00
J. Leary, labor	61 20
H. White, labor	73 20
M. F. McAuliffe, labor	9 60
A. Francis, labor	12 00
W. F. Burke, labor	7 20
C. L. Curtis, labor	14 40
J. J. Grassie, labor	72 00
J. F. Smith, labor	28 80
T. Matheis, labor	19 20
J. H. Kimball, labor	12 00
J. M. Keating, labor	12 00
H. F. Keating, labor	7 20
P. T. Ford, labor	16 80
M. Almirda, labor	12 60
E. T. Rielly, labor	25 20
B. Kennedy, labor	3 60
S. Grinnell, labor	30 00
F. J. Antoine, labor	12 00
W. J. Roony, labor	7 20
J. Silvia, labor	39 60
M. Thompson, labor	25 20
A. S. Richardson, labor	28 80
H. W. Appts, labor	12 00
D. F. O'Brien, labor	67 20

J. A. Donovan, labor	$12 00
J. T. Barnes, labor	7 20
T. H. Henry, labor	48 00
D. Souther, team	28 75
J. E. Grassie, team	84 00
F. L. Grassie, team	22 00
A. A. Davenport, team	29 88
H. H. Tilden, team	245 13
E. C. Bates, team	17 00
W. W. Bates, team	10 00
J. J. Pratt, team	112 13
H. L. McMahon	28 00
I. N. Pratt,	10 00
J. T. Barnes, team	76 19
W. T. Barnes, team	207 65
J. T. Fitts, teaming cart from Boston	10 00
H. L. Willard, team	76 19
G. Jason, team	207 65
T. L. Ayers, team	97 76
E. F. Lincoln, team	35 00
G. W. Mealy, team	11 50
J. W. Whitcomb, team	43 13

SUPPLIES

M. A. Burke, blacksmithing	26 25
J. H. O'Neil, blow torch	3 00
Kenny Mfg. Co., repairs	28 60
Litchfield Express, express	1 05
Tower Bros., supplies	5 65
Barrett Mfg. Co., tarvia	2,165 19
H. Heiltz, repairs.	48
N. Y., N. H. &. H. R. R., freight	291 11
Cohasset Supply, supplies	6 56
N. E. Road Machine Co. spray pump	300 00
Studebaker Co., repairs	15 00
Mrs. J. Beale, sand	16 50

M. J. Sullivan, brushes	31 80	
J. W. Whitcomb, sand	24 00	
		$5,326 00
Total		$21,062 26
		29 87
Balance to treasury		$21,092 13

SUMMARY BY STREETS

Including cleaning gutters, building fences, painting, repairing, graveling, sanding, tarving, catch basins, etc.

Smith place	$900 00
Elm court	190 00
Short street and Cushing road	740 00
Pond street	775 00
King street	485 00
Beach street	410 00
Parker avenue	300 00
Border street	560 00
Stockbridge street	200 00
Margin street	1160 00
Atlantic avenue	855 00
Nichols road	445 00
Elm street	550 00
Summer street	800 00
South Main street	1140 00
Spring street	1000 00
Beechwood street	1445 00
Doane street	245 00
Church street	65 00
Brook and three short streets across Common	125 00
Highland avenue	165 00
Oak street	385 00
Ash street	105 00

Norfolk road	$145 00	
Pleasant street	280 00	
Sohier street	525 00	
North Main street	585 00	
Depot avenue	330 00	
Jerusalem road	1,390 00	
Forest avenue	735 00	
		$17,045 00

SNOW ACCOUNT.

H. O. Wood	$31 80
H. Clark	1 50
E. C. Clark	5 10
G. F. Sargent Jr.	5 40
H. C. Sargent	3 00
R. G. Pratt	3 00
R. A. Bates	1 80
H. A. Williams	2 70
A. Foster	1 50
E. J. Sweeny	10 80
T. O'Neil	26 40
M. J. Sullivan	6 00
T. Bates	4 20
George Stover	3 60
J. Curley	7 50
A. J. Morris	12 60
A. W. Morris	4 20
F. Frates	15 60
W. F. Burke	25 20
J. Kane	4 80
C. Stover	1 20
J. W. Mulchay	2 70
C. Mc Auliff	4 80
C. Wilson	2 10
J. T. Bethel	4 50
S. Grinnell	9 60

F. J. Salvador	$8 40
Ed. Grassie	2 10
C. F. Wilbur	2 40
C. A. Mitchell	90
W. V. Grassie	4 80
C. F. Wilbur	1 40
R. Kinsley	9 30
P. Grassie	3 00
A. Bandura	3 00
J. Kennedy	39 45
A. Petersen	1 80
C. Desmond	4 20
P. O'Keefe	16 80
W. E. Kinsley	3 60
H. Studley	21 35
F. C. Blossom	4 50
Ira Bates	6 75
E. Mc Lean	6 00
A. Francis	6 75
J. J. Oliver	11 70
Paul C. Tilden	4 50
F. X. Valine	8 85
A. Sidney	3 15
T. McSweeney	7 05
J. W. Edwards	10 80
A. J. Antoine, Jr.	1 35
James Goldie	7 05
D. Golden	12 30
J. L. Munnis	12 30
A. Scheydecker	5 10
M. Oliver	19 80
J. Silvia	5 10
F. C. Higgins	6 75
S. Grassie	4 80
R. J. Clark	31 20
F. E. Jason	50 70
Wm. Powers	32 40

G. F. Sargent	$30 60
W. Laury	3 60
W. E. McGrath	44 40
F. Silvia	4 80
D. F. O'Brine	44 40
Fred. Fuller	1 05
G. McKenzie	1 20
J. T. Barnes	20 40
T. H. Henry	3 60
E. P. Bates	36 75
W. P. Bates	34 05
M. Lyons	45 60
M. F. McAuliffe	48 60
B. Kennedy	32 55
P. Donovan	21 00
E. T. Reilly	59 10
J. J. Silvia	30 60
Geo. A. Silvia	46 20
J. H. Kimball	24 15
C. F. Silvia	1 20
H. Makin	8 10
F. J. Antoine	52 50
J. Sweeney	3 60
R. Grassie	23 40
E. Sidney	20 25
W. Whitcomb	18 00
J. J. Grassie	15 30
P. T. Ford	16 20
C. R. Jason	28 80
A. Hiltz	1 80
C. Bennett	4 20
H. Hiltz	6 00
W. H. Jason	6 60
George Young	2 85
C. W. Stover	1 50
S. Apts	5 40
J. H. Davis	2 10

F. C. Blossom	$3 60
F. Bergen	1 20
J. W. Bates & Son	14 70
J. Fizerido	2 10
J. Ferriera	1 05
H. Sullivan	8 70
H. W. White	15 00
A. McLean	5 10
George Damon.	14 40
A. L. Ahearn	4 80
S. F. James	8 10
W. H. Bates	7 20
H. C. Bates and others	115 05
Richard Cadden	27 30
M. H. Donovan	56 10
D. D. Desmond	58 95
B. Daly	59 40
H. W. Burbank	2 10
W. W. Bates	13 35
J. J. Grassie	99 75
R. Manning	40 50
J. F. Bandura	27 30
John Sweeney	38 10
J. F. Smith	71 70
A. J. Sylvia	42 00
C. Studley	12 00
F. F. Martin, Jr.,	3 00
A. Studley	32 70
G. W. Pratt	7 20
G. P. Valine	27 90
T. A. Tower	8 70
J. W. Whitcomb	41 25
Peter Rooney	18 75
J. Ferriera	44 85
R. Stevens	42 90
Arne Petersen	11 40
E. H. Thompson	2 10

F. D. Grassie	$9 30
A. E. Grassie	9 30
R. Doris	4 20
B. Litchfield	5 25
G. G. Monteiro	9 30
Manuel Sousa	1 80
C. E. Frates	9 00
Fred Mitchell	1 65
W. Sullivan	17 10
H. A. Williams	4 65
D. Gillis	9 30
Wm. McNamarra	2 40
A. F. James	21 90
A. S. Bates	15 60
E. James	15 00
R. James	17 70
A. Gonsalves	1 20
J. R. Bean	6 90
S. H. Stoughton	1 20
I. Stoughton	1 20
E. Coles	16 20
A. J. Ferreira	3 30
J. M. Silvia	18 30
E. Higgins	3 00
L. Maudsly	1 20
H. Litchfield	2 10
Wm. P. Arnold	2 10
F. J. Silvia	2 40
L. Cadose	9 00
F. Vera	6 00
J. Bethel	2 70
T. Grassie	3 90
M. Figurido	1 80
J. Manuel	3 90
A. S. Richardson and others	91 95
T. Keating	2 20
L. Higgins	2 40

H. F. Barnes	1 50
A. Petersen	1 50
C. Dyment	1 20
E. Grassie	1 50
G. Clay	1 80
W. Sidney	3 00
E. McSweeney	3 00
A. Oliver	2 40
A. Figerrido	17 40
C. L. Reddy	9 30
J. L. Jason	9 30
L. Figerrido	9 30
H. Morse	1 20
E. Bowser	1 20
C. L. Curtis	1 80
Theo Mathies	7 20
H. H. White	19 80
J. Leary	2 40
D. McSweeney	75
J. F. Sylvia	1 50
W. H. McArthur	38 40
William J. Brennock	60
J. A. Donovan	33 15
G. W. Flint	15 90
A. Kennedy	11 40
E. M. Cronican	43 20
S. L. Damon	18 30
H. Pratt	35 25
A. H. Prouty	30 60
George Sullivan	25 20
H. Flint	3 90
Fred Sullivan	28 80
J. E. Grassie	7 20
T. Curtis	3 90
F. Fernandez	2 25
J. W. Bates	5 40
B. Curley	5 10

G. Mulhern	2 40	
H. T. Keating	4 80	
D. Murphy	15 60	
L. E. Bates	3 00	
J. Curtis	2 70	
J. J. Brown	21 45	
C. P. Sylvia	18 30	
P. J. Rooney	10 20	
F. Cadose	28 35	
J. J. Rooney	18 00	
G. James	23 25	
J. James	21 15	
P. E. Rooney	7 95	
C. Butman	14 85	
T. J. Ayers, men and horses	34 20	
E. W. Bates, men and horses	95 75	
E. E. Bates, men and horses	21 00	
A. A. Davenport, men and horses	181 69	
J. N. Pratt, men and horses	155 28	
J. T. Barnes, men and horses	259 90	
G. Jason, men and horses	276 89	
W. T. Barnes, men and horses	221 10	
H. L. Willard, men and horses	247 20	
T. A. Stevens, men and horses	160 80	
C. H. Stoughton, men and horses	21 30	
H. L. McMahon, men and horses	112 30	
H. F. Tilden, men and horses	265 70	
M. A. Burke, repairing plows	16 80	
Tower Bros., salt, etc.	4 97	
		$5,330 23

Amount appropriated $3,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE JASON

Highway Surveyor.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

The amount raised for the maintenance of the Poor department for 1916 was $8000. From this appropriation accounts of 1915 to the amount of $1490.20 were paid. There remained unpaid on Jan. 1, 1917, bills amounting to $1137.21, as against the amount quoted above of unpaid bills of 1915. Your Board of Overseers feel that $8000 raised this year will be sufficient to care properly for the needy poor.

The cost of maintaining the Cohasset Home this year shows a slight advance due to increased prices for necessities and a larger number of inmates in the institution.

It is useless to enter into a detailed account of figures or write a lengthy report, as the entire expenses of this department are set forth in full in the report of the Town Accountant. The only items omitted are the names and totals paid to individuals receiving aid, which publication is prohibited by law.

Your Board recommends that a separate amount be raised for the services of the district nurse, as the employment of the nurse seems to be a matter important enough to be settled by the voters themselves.

The matter of reinsuring the Cohasset Home must be arranged for this year for a term of years, and the amount necessary should be raised for this purpose. The last premium paid was $600, in November, 1912, on $10,000.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM O. SOUTHER, Jr.
HARRY E. MAPES
HERBERT L. BROWN
Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN OF COHASSET

REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

For Year Ending

DECEMBER 31, 1916

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1916

Miss Edith M. Bates . .	Term expires in March, 1917
Dr. Evan P. Wentworth . .	Term expires in March, 1917
George Jason Jr. . . .	Term expires in March, 1918
Sheldon N. Ripley . . .	Term expires in March, 1918
Thomas L. Stevens . . .	Term expires in March, 1919
Dr. Darius W. Gilbert . .	Term expires in March, 1919

ORGANIZATION

Dr. Darius W. Gilbert	Chairman
Sheldon N. Ripley	Secretary
Miss Edith M. Bates	Treasurer

REGULAR MEETINGS

First Monday of each month at 7.45 P. M.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Stanley C. Lary, Telephone 304-W.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Osgood School, Telephone 349-W.

The Superintendent's office is open on school days from 8.30 to 13, and from 1 to 4.30 The Superintendent's office hours are from 8.30 to 9, and 3 to 4.30 on each school day.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Oliver H. Howe, M. D., Telephone 14.

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Agnes Weir, Telephone 250.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Thomas L. Bates, Telephones, Residence 305 and Office 372-W.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1916-17

Fall term, opens September 18, closes December 22. Winter term, first half, opens January 2, closes February 16; second half, opens February 26, closes April 13. Spring term, opens April 23, closes June 15. Fall term opens September 10, 1917.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Instead of the customary fire-alarm signal, the electric street lights will be used. The current will be on five minutes, 7.30 to 7.35, sessions suspended for Grades 1 to 8 inclusive. 7.45 to 7.50 sessions suspended for all schools.

SUPERVISORS AND TEACHERS, 1916-17

Supervisors:

Mrs. Edward L. Stevens—Music (1913)

Teachers:

Ralph M. Bonney—English and Science. Grades 8 to 13 (1916)

Minnie E. Bigelow—Commercial Subjects. Grades 9 to 13 (1902)

Marion C. Chandler—Modern Language. Grades 8 to 13 (1910)

Lulu B. Smith—Commercial Subjects. Grades 9 to 13 (1914)

Mildred Cutler—English, Foreign Language. Grades 9 to 13 (1916)

Beatrice W. Jardine—Home Economics. Grades 7 to 13 (1916)

John Black Jr.—Manual Training. Grades 7 to 13 (1914)

Arthur Eastman—Mechanical Drawing. Grades 7 to 13 (1916)

Florence E. Kraus—Drawing. Grade 1 to 13 (1914)

Martha P. Bates—History. Grades 5 to 8 (1880)

Genevra L. McCaw—Language, Composition. Grades 5 to 8. History, grade 13, (1916).

Edith L. Waugh—Science. Grades 1 to 8. Writing, Grades 5 to 8. Geography, grades 5 to 7 (1913)

Helen I. Brickett—Reading and Spelling. Grades 5 to 8. English, Grade 10 (1916)
Theo Wilson—Arithmetic. Grades 5 to 8 (1915)
June E. Simmons—Grade 4 (1915)
Elaine Wing—Grade 3 (1916)
Esther Plaisted—Grade 2 (1916)
Sarah E. Fox—Grade 1 (1883)
Kathleen McMahon—Assistant. Grade 1 to 4 (1915)
Ruth C. Westgate—Beechwood School. Grades 1 to 3 (1916)
Lot. W. Bates—Unassigned Assistant.

(The date in parentheses indicates the year when service began in Cohasset).

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee submits its report for the year 1916, with an estimate of the amounts which will be needed for the maintenance of schools and for conveyance of pupils for the current year.

The Town voted at its last annnal meeting to appropriate a sum of money for "Safety to Life and Fire Prevention" in the Osgood School building.

Plans and specifications were carefully prepared by an architect, based on suggestions and a report made by Mr. Gilbert S. Tower and an inspector from the State Building Inspection Department. These plans were presented to the above department which made other recommendations and required further changes, finally approving them.

The improvements include fireproof partitions and self-closing fire doors, separating the boilers and coal bins from the rest of the basement; two extra exits from basement to yard; a fire wall cutting off the tower staircase from basement, and steps and rails in all rooms leading to the fire escapes.

Automatic sprinkler equipment was installed throughout the basement with the necessary alarms, and we are now recommended to have one of the gongs moved and connected with the Central fire station, so that an alarm would be sounded and attenden to at once, regardless as to whether or not the school building was occupied.

A four-inch standpipe was run through the halls to the top of the building, with a nozzle and fifty feet of fire hose on each floor and in the basement. A mechanical fire alarm with a twelve-inch gong on each floor has been installed.

Two chimneys, which were dangerous, were taken down to the roof and rebuilt. The roof was partly slated, as being of more permanent construction than shingles, as well as fireproof. It is the intention to slate the balance of roof when it needs re-shingling. The large flat portion of roof was retinned, and the old wooden railing removed as dangerous and an iron pipe railing substituted.

The Committee feels that the amounts appropriated were used to good advantage.

The night school was discontinued January 1st, 1917, on advice of the Superintendent, owing to the small attendance.

The general condition of the schools is quite satisfactory.

ESTIMATE OF AMOUNT WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE CURRENT YEAR

General expenses:	
Expenses of School Committee, salaries and expenses of Superintendent	$1,750 00
Expenses of instruction:	
Supervisors' and Teachers' salaries	19,050 00
Text books	800 00
Supplies and maintenance	2,500 00
Operating expenses:	
Janitors	1,200 00
Fuel	2,525 00
Electric light and power	700 00
Maintenance:	
Repairs and replacements	1,000 00
Auxiliary agencies;	
Libraries, health, etc.	200 00
Miscellaneous expenses:	
Tuition, etc.	600 00
Outlay:	
New equipment	1,500 00

Transportation	5,700 00
Total	$37,525 00

Respectfully submitted

THOMAS L. STEVENS.
DR. DARIUS W. GILBERT, *Chairman.*
MISS EDITH M. BATES, *Treasurer.*
DR. EVAN P. WENTWORTH.
GEORGE JASON, JR.
SHELDON N. RIPLEY, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee and Citizens of Cohasset:

I submit herewith my Fourth Annual Report which is the twenty-ninth in the series of Annual Reports of Superintendents of the Cohasset Public Schools.

In this report, I shall present,

(A.) The changes that have taken place in the curriculum of schools, especially as regards the High School, since 1902.

(B.) Comparative costs for 1902–1916, with explanation.

(C.) Comparative costs for the last four years.

(D.) Statistics.

(A.) CHANGES IN THE CURRICULUM.

In making this comparison, my only purpose is to answer in a concrete way the question,—Why does education cost so much more today than in 1902? A moderate increase would be expected and require little or no explanation, but, where costs have doubled, interested citizens not only have the right to know, but should demand, the reasons therefor.

I have chosen the year 1902 with which to make a comparison, because in that year the Commercial Course was introduced, and in that year an outline of courses of study in the High School was printed in the Superintendent's report. Up to the time of the reorganization of the schools in 1912, no changes of importance were made in this curriculum of the High School, therefore the year 1902 is as representative as any of the succeeding years.

It is obvious that there are several factors which may have a direct bearing on increased costs of schools. The most important are:—

(a) Increase in attendance.

(b) Enlargement and enrollment of curriculum requiring more teachers, more supplies, etc.

(c) Larger salaries.

(a) *Increase in Attendance.*

An increase in school attendance is usually due to the growth of the community in which the school is located. That such is not the case in Cohasset is evidenced by the following fact: The population of Cohasset in 1900 was 2759, and in 1915, 2800 —an increase of 1.4%. During the same period, the school attendance increased 21.8% as shown by the following table:

Year	Average Membership.	Increase.	Percent of Increase
1902	403		
1916	501	98	21.8

The only other cause of increased attendance is the attractiveness of the school curriculum which hold boys and girls in school. If there is doubt on this point, the following table would seem to me to be conclusive.

This table is a comparison of membership in the grades and High School for the years 1902 and 1916:

HIGH SCHOOL

Year	Average Membership.	Increase.	Percent of Increase
1902	70		
1916	119	49	70

GRADES

1902	333		
1916	382	49	14.7

Since the great majority of pupils pass the compulsory age limit at about the beginning of the High School period, the fact that there has been a 70% increase in High School attendance

since 1902 proves beyond a shadow of doubt that there must be something, somewhere, within the school itself which is attracting and holding these boys and girls in school.

(b) *The Enlargement and Enrichment of the Curriculum.*

If it is true that the increased attendance is due to changes in the curriculum of the school, it should be interesting to study, somewhat in detail, the nature of those changes.

For the sake of clearness, the Courses of Study as printed in the report of the Superintendent of Schools for 1902 and the present courses are submitted.

THE GENERAL COURSE IN 1902

Subject	Credits
First Year	
English and Composition	4½
History (Ancient)	3
Latin	4
Science	2
Algebra	5
Second Year	
English and Composition	4½
History (English)	3
Latin	5
Greek	3
Geometry	5
Third Year	
English and Composition	5½
Latin	4
Physics	5
American History and Civil Government, or Political Economy	3
Botany and Physical Geography	3
Greek	3
German	2
French	4

FOURTH YEAR

English (College Requirements)	6½
American History and Civil Government, or Political Economy.	3
Botany and Physical Geography	3
French	4
Latin	4
Greek	3
German	2
Advanced Physics	2
Advanced Algebra	3
Advanced Geometry	3
Chemistry	4

THE COMMERCIAL COURSE IN 1902.

Subjects.	Credits.
FIRST YEAR.	
English and Composition.	4½
History (Ancient)	3
Commercial Arithmetic	3
Commercial Geography	3
Penmanship	1
Algebra	5
SECOND YEAR.	
English and Composition	4½
History (English)	3
Commercial Arithmetic	2
Bookkeeping	3
Penmanship	1
Geometry	5
THIRD YEAR.	
English and Composition	5½
Bookkeeping and Business Practice	5

Stenography and Typewriting	5
French	4
German	2
Penmanship	1
American History and Civil Government, or Political Economy	3
Botany and Physical Geography	3
Physics	5

Fourth Year.

English (College Requirements)	6½
Stenography and Typewriting	5
Business Practice	4
American History and Civil Government, or Political Economy	3
English (College Requirements)	6½
American History and Civil Government, or Political Economy	3
Botany and Physical Geography	3
French	4
Latin	4
Greek	3
German	2
Advanced Physics	2
Advanced Algebra	3
Advanced Geometry	3
Chemistry	4

A comparison of these two courses of study will show:

First, that instead of two courses, the Commercial and General as in 1902, we now have five—College Preparatory (Academic), College Preparatory (Scientific), Practical Arts (Girls), Practical Arts (Boys), and Commercial Course.

The introduction of the Commercial Course in 1902 was in keeping with educational progress and a step in the right direction. Since the battle has been fought and won, and business subjects have become a recognized and acceptable part of High

School education, few will recall the opposition with which they met. Staid supporters of the traditional subjects looked upon the introduction of these "bread and butter courses" with mis givings. The customary criticism, "fads and frills," were hurled at them. Many school men, "storm centers" of all this criticism, strove to conceal the real purpose of business subjects by pleading their cultural value as subjects of instruction. But, like all good things, commercial education only needed time to prove its worth. Its main purpose was to offer a wider opportunity for boys and girls to adjust themselves to this practical world in which we live, and to meet that foremost and ever present problem, the earning of a livelihood.

The General Course, as offered in 1902, was in keeping with the traditional demands of College entrance. The High School, then, at this time, offered two opportunities to its boys and girls. They could either prepare for college or prepare for business.

Until 1912, there were no changes in the offerings of the High School. At this time, as I have explained in previous reports, there was a reorganization of all our schools and the New Practical Arts Courses were introduced.

Like their predecessor, the Commercial Course, their "path has not been strewn with roses." "Fads and frills" they still are in the minds of many people, and there are school men who strive to plead the cultural value of these subjects. They may be cultural. I, for one, think they are. But this is not the purpose for which they exist. Rather are they here, because we have come to feel and believe that in bringing boys and girls into accord with their environment and giving them those essentials which shall enable them to meet the practical problem of every day life, industrial activities and the practical mathematics and mechanics which underlie them and the wealth of instructive and interesting material which surrounds them may be as important, if not more so, than Greek or Latin; and that teaching the art of making a good home as important as instruction in Shakespeare or Chaucer. Not that Greek and Latin, Shakespeare and Chaucer, are not all that has been claimed for them as a part of the educational curriculum. Few would deny their worth. But rather that

we are confronted with the very practical problem of meeting the needs of those boys and girls who formerly left school, either because they found the cultural curriculum too difficult or dull, or in the offerings of the School nothing which would help them get started in the way of a livelihood.

In previous reports, I have elaborated on these principles which underlie the introduction of these new courses. I have tried to show that they are not "fads and frills," but a direct result of the demands of our time on the public schools that they fulfill their mission, and offer types of education suited to the needs of all the children.

It will be noted, then, that the enlarged and enriched courses of today, lead to preparation for college, to preparation for business, to some degree of skill and knowledge underlying the field of industrial activity, and to knowledge of the essentials of good homemaking.

This is an extensive program. Its inauguration and maintenance has led to large expenditures. There are few communities as small as Cohasset attempting such an extensive program. On the other hand, there are few communities holding as many pupils in schools after they have passed the compulsory age limit. As evidence of the fact, note the following table.

THE COURSE OF STUDY IN 1912

College Preparatory Course (Academic—Boys and Girls)

9		11	
English A	5	English C	5
Algebra A	5	Geometry C	5
Social Science A	3	English History C	3
Electives		Electives	
Latin A	5	Latin C	5
French B	5	French D	5
General Science	3	German B	5
		Physics or Chemistry	7-5

10		12	
English B	5	English D	5
Geometry B	5	Algebra D	5
Greek and Roman History B	3		
Electives		**Electives**	
French C	5	Latin D	5
Latin B	5	German C	5
German A	5	United States History D	3
		Physics or Chemistry	7-5

College Preparatory Course (Scientific—Boys)

9		11	
English A	5	English C	5
Algebra A	5	Geometry C	5
General Science	3		
Electives		**Electives**	
French B	5	French D	5
Social Science A	3	German B	5
Mechanical Drawing	2-1	History C	3
Shopwork	8-4	Mechanical Drawing	2-1
		Shopwork	8-4
		Practical Electricity	4-2

10		12	
English B	5	English D	5
Geometry B	5	Algebra D	5
Electives		**Electives**	
French C	5	German C	5
German A	5	History D	3
History B	3	Mechanical Drawing D	2-1
Mechanical Drawing	2-1	Shopwork	8-4
Shopwork	8-4	Practical Electricity	4-2

The first figure signifies the number of periods per week; the second, the credits.

Practical Arts Course (Home-making—Girls)

9

English A	5
Social Science A	3
Free-hand Drawing A	2-1
Cooking A	4-2
Sewing A	4-2

Electives

French B	5
General Science A	3
Algebra A	5
Commercial Arithmetic	5

10

English B	5
Free-hand Drawing	2-1
Cooking B	4-2
Sewing B	4-2

Electives

French C	5
German A	5
History B	3
Geometry B	5
Commercial Arithmetic	5
Typewriting	4-2

11

English M	5
Free-hand Drawing Design C	4-2
Household Arts C	10-5

Electives

French D	5
German B	5
History C	3
Physics or Chemistry	7-5

12

English N	5
Free-hand Drawing Design D	4-2
Household Arts D	8-4

Electives

German C	5
History D	3
Physics or Chemistry	7-5

Practical Arts Course (Industrial—Boys)

9

English A	5
Social Science A	3
Mechanical Drawing A	2-1
Shopwork A	8-4

11

English M	5
Mechanical Drawing C	4-2
Shopwork C	10-5

Electives	
French B	5
General Science	3
Algebra A	5
Commercial Arithmetic A	3

Electives	
French D	5
German B	5
History C	3
Practical Electricity B	4-2
Physics or Chemistry	7-5

10

English B	5
Mechanical Drawing	2-1
Shopwork	8-4

12

English N	5
Mechanical Drawing	4-2
Shopwork	10-5

Electives	
French C	5
German A	5
History B	3
Geometry B	5
Commercial Arithmetic	3
Typewriting	2-1

Electives	
German C	5
History D	3
Practical Electricity B	4-2
Physics or Chemistry	7-5

Commercial Course (Business—Boys and Girls)

9

English A	5
Social Science A	3
Commercial Arithmetic A	5

11

English M	5
Stenography A	5
Typewriting B	4-2
Business Practice A	5-3
Commercial Geography	5

Electives	
General Science	3
Algebra A	5
French B	5
Shopwork A	8-4
Mechanical Drawing	2-1
Free-hand Drawing	2-1
Sewing A	4-2
Cooking A	4-2

Electives	
History C	3
French D	5
German B	5
Physics or Chemistry	7-5

10		12	
English B	5	English N	5
Commercial Arithmetic B	5	Stenography B	5
Typewriting A	2-1	Typewriting	4-2
		Business Practice	5-3
		Commercial Law	5
Electives		Electives	
History B	3	History D	3
French C	5	German C	5
German A	5	Physics or Chemistry	7-5
Geometry	5		
Shopwork	8-4		
Mechanical Drawing	2-1		
Cooking	4-2		
Sewing	4-2		
Free-hand Drawing	2-1		

A comparison of the average membership of the Cohasset High School with the 118 towns in Group III (Towns having a population of 5000 or less and maintaining High Schools).

Ratio of Average Membership of all schools to Average Membership of High Schools.

	Total Ave. Membership	High School Ave. Membership	Ratio
Group III	43,189	7523	17.4
Cohasset	501	119	23.7

Rate of Average Membership of Elementary Schools to Average Membership of High Schools.

	Elementary Ave. Membership	High School Ave. Membership	Ratio
Group III	35,665	7523	21
Cohasset	382	119	31.2

As further evidence that we are holding our boys and girls in school the following comparison should prove interesting.

A Comparison of Population with Membership of High School.

	Population	Ave. Membership	Percent
Group III	263,408	7523	.028
Cohasset	2800	119	.042

With these facts before us the question which must naturally arise is,—Is it worth the cost? The United States Commissioner of Education speaking at the Brookline Civic Forum a few days ago, said,

"The stability of the American democracy will be seriously threatened within two generations unless there comes a universal system of High School education for all children."

In other words, instead of forcing by scholastic standards 90% of our boys and girls out of school at just the age when they are most in need of educational assistance, we should, by enriching our courses of study, strive to hold them in school.

This has been the aim of the Cohasset schools during the past three years, and it is to be hoped that it will continue to be the aim.

(B.) A COMPARISON OF COSTS, 1902—1916.

COST FOR DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPAL.

Year.	Salary.	Decrease.	Percent of Decrease.
1902	$2,400		
1916	2,000	$400	20

In 1902 these duties were not combined as they are today under a single head. At that time the Principal received $1,700 and the Superintendent $700, the former giving full time and the latter two days a week. In 1912 the duties were combined and the salary reduced to $2,000.

COST FOR SUPERVISORS AND TEACHERS

Year	Salaries	Increase	Per cent. of Increase
1902	$8563.10		
1916	17005.51	8442.41	98

The increase, which is nearly 100%, is due in the first place to the much higher salaries being paid today than in 1902. A fair idea of this factor may be obtained by taking the salaries of two teachers then and now in the service of the schools.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

Year	Salary	Increase	Per cent. of Increase
1902	$600		
1916	1000	400	66.6

A GRADE TEACHER

Year	Salary	Increase	Per cent. of Increase
1902	$480		
1916	750	270	56.2

The other factor is the increase in the number of teachers, due to the reorganization of the work of the schools and to the introduction of the new practical arts courses. Where in 1902 there were four teachers giving their full time to the High School group, to-day there are five full time teachers and five giving a part of their time to High School instruction. Where in 1902 there were eleven grade teachers giving full time to the grades, to-day there are twelve teachers giving full time and four giving a part of their time.

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Year.	Amount.	Increase.	Percent of Increase.
1902	$584		
1916	2,998.48	$2.414.48	413.

The increase is due almost entirely to the additional supplies required by the Practical Arts Departments. All of the supplies for the cooking and sewing, and for the lumber and materials used in the shop, are chargeable under this head. A proportion of it is returned, for the products of kitchen are sold at the school lunch, and boys who produce a piece of furniture out of valuable wood pay for the cost of the wood. However, with these deducted, there would still be a decided increase.

Practical education is more expensive than the older forms of education. To learn by doing requires things to do with, and this means added expense.

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES.

Year.	Amount.	Increase.	Percent of Increase.
1902	$282.39		
1916	501.08	$218.69	77

Changes under this head vary so from year to year that a comparison is impossible. The reason for the increase is the general increase in expenditures.

MAINTENANCE—REPAIRS.

1902	$567.80		
1916	2741.56	$2173.76	262

In the amount expended for 1916 is included outlays for which there is no comparable amount on 1902. The admirable ideal of the Committee, to make the physical surroundings of the pupils of a high order, has necessitated the expenditures of large amounts. At present, the two school buidings are in excellent condition and slight expenditures each year should keep them so.

JANITORS' SALARIES.

1902	$956.19		
1916	1166.50	$210.31	21.9

This item is only explainable by the higher rate of wages paid than in 1902. More janitors were employed then than now.

TRANSPORTATION

1902	$2225.30		
1916	4861.50	$2746.20	123

There are two factors entering into the increased cost of transportation.

(a) A larger number of pupils being conveyed, requiring more vehicles.

(b) A higher rate of wages paid to barge contractors.

In this connection the following table should be of interest.

A Comparison of cost per pupil for transportation in Cohasset and Group III, (118 towns with a population of 5000 or less):

	Paid for Transportation 1915–1916	Cost per pupil
Group III	$174,815.79	$4.04
Cohasset	5,111.25	10.20

Average for each town $1481.49.

Now a centralized system of schools such as Cohasset has maintained since the Osgood School was built must necessarily increase transportation costs. In analyzing costs of support this fact should be kept in mind. To put it graphically, District Education equals in cost Central Education plus transportation.

The Junior High School movement, which is now sweeping over the country, in its essentials, has been incorporated in the Cohasset schools for the past three years, and has been possible since 1891. Moreover, as communities build Central schools for seventh and eighth grades, transportation costs will rise and the table shown above will be considerably altered.

FUEL

Year	Amount	Increase	Per cent. of Increase
1902	$805.36		
1916	1076.32	$270.96	33

There are two factors which can enter into the increase:

(a) Increase in amount of fuel used.

(b) Increase in price.

LIGHT AND POWER

Year	Amount
1916	$632.94

Electric charges in 1902 were inconsiderable. There were but few lights in the Osgood School, and these were used but little. To-day the buildings are fully wired and the monthly charges for light is subsequently increased.

In 1902, there were no charges for power. To-day, we have seven motors. The largest one, the fan motor, runs continually from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. Four others are attached to machines and are used a considerable amount. Two small ones, attached to the sanitary system, are used only during the warm months, when the furnaces are not in use.

CONCLUSION

The Cohasset Schools, as they are being conducted, are expensive. The justification for the expenditures is based on the extensive program which is being offered, and the large increase in attendance, especially in the upper grades.

In our effort to have good schools, have we surpassed in expenditures the other communities of the State? The following table will show:

	Amount Expended	
Year	State	Cohasset
1885	$4,675,882.48	$6,100.00
1916	27,342,131.77	33,756.59
Per cent. of Increase	511	458

In conclusion, I wish to thank everyone who by thought, word or deed, has contributed to make the Cohasset Schools better schools, serving effectively the need of the child and the need of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. LARY

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

To the School Committee:

Following the study of social conditions which appeared in last year's report, I have given a talk on health matters in each school room. I can already see some improvement in the physical condition of the pupils and believe parents are bestowing more thought upon it. This year has been free from epidemics and we have fortunately escaped that dreaded Infantile Paralysis.

With thanks for the co-operation of the Committee, Superintendent, teachers and School Nurse.

O. H. HOWE, M. D.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Stanley C. Lary,

Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir: I respectfully submit for your approval my report for 1916.

Regular work continues along the same lines as heretofore, and grades, as well as individuals, show improvement from term to term.

The singing of the High school chorus has been commended on several occasions and earnest effort is made to improve the music in every way.

For your unfailing encouragement and assistance and the pleasant cooperation of the teachers I desire to express my grateful appreciation.

KATHERINE D. STEVENS

DRAWING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Stanley C. Lary,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I submit for your consideration and approval my third annual report.

The work of the Drawing Department has been carried on with encouraging results. Changes have been made in the outline for the year to meet the special needs of the pupils and of the community. One of the most important factors in the success of the work has been the steadily increasing interest on the part of the pupils. The result of this interest has been an upward trend in the quality of the results obtained.

An exhibition constituting a general review of the year's work was held in June, the work of the High School girls being exhibited in the Bates Building. The girls are enthusiastic over their new drawing room, which is nearly completed. The new facilities for carrying on the work are greatly appreciated.

Regular visits have been made to the Beechwood School where the same increasing interest and the hearty co-operation of the teacher have been productive of good results.

I wish to thank you for the encouragement I have received through your hearty support and for the influence which your interest has exerted toward the efficency of the Drawing Department.

FLORENCE E. KRAUS

C.—COMPARATIVE COSTS FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

EXPENDITURES.	1913	1914	1915	1916
GENERAL EXPENSES:				
(1) School Committee				
Salaries	$109 00	$225 00	$262 50	$405 33
Other Expenses	226 89	223 19	252 89	196 41
(2) Superintendent of Schools and Enforcement of Law				
Salaries	160 00	800 00	900 00	850 00
Other Expenses	218 11	200 74	222 12	298 78
EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION:				
(3) Supervisors—Salaries	1,127 00	602 00	380 00	200 00
Other Expenses		47 17	100 45	36 05
(4) Principals—Salaries, High	633 80	299 50	300 00	300 00
Elementary	1,306 20	900 50	935 00	900 00
(5) Teachers—Salaries, High	3,498 32	4,720 31	5,365 00	5,479 67
Elementary	8,200 94	9,956 17	11,084 25	11,175 79
(6) Text Books, High	410 93	277 67	414 74	413 67
Elementary	529 89	307 85	590 65	254 79

(7) Stationery, Supplies and Misc.				
High	391 52	673 03	959 19	786 86
Elementary	882 01	1,420 80	1,924 89	1,564 25
EXPENSES OF OPERATING SCHOOL PLANTS:				
(8) Wages of Janitors				
High	322 39	257 89	256 52	257 60
Elementary	722 41	898 46	910 63	892 90
(9) Fuel				
High	356 94	363 16	398 35	255 59
Elementary	903 14	1,032 43	1,286 52	785 73
(10) Miscellaneous (power, janitors, supplies, etc.)				
High	113 55	86 26	162 14	146 60
Elementary	260 74	250 84	486 79	416 34
MAINTENANCE:				
(11) Repairs, etc.				
High	133 57	466 91	202 39	209 14
Elementary	404 01	1,455 05	626 83	937 42
AUXILIARY AGENCIES:				
(12) Libraries		50 05	22 01	3 81
(13) Health	106 50	132 74	173 50	150 00
(14) Transportation	3,761 00	4,027 00	4,770 25	4,971 50

C.—COMPARATIVE COST OF THE LAST FOUR YEARS.—*Continued.*

	1913	1914	1915	1916
Miscellaneous Expenses:				
(15) Tuition (to other places) . .			$121 50	$95 80
(16) Sundries	$226 47	$427 75	506 63	400 28
Outlays:				
(17) New Grounds and Buildings . .	304 11		274 97	283 38
(18) New Equipment	392 60	218 54	1,010 24	1,511 12

D. STATISTICAL TABLES

Statistics for Year Ending June 16, 1916

Table I

	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance
Beechwood Schools				
Grades I-II -III	19	18.1	15.2	83.97
Osgood School				
Grade I	51	48.5	45.	92.8
II	47	45.3	42.3	93.37
III	40	39.1	35.	89.5
IV	51	49.3	44.2	89.65
V	42	39.4	37.	93.9
V-VI	32	30.3	27.1	89.4
VI-VII	42	39.2	35.3	90.05
VII-VIII	36	33.6	29.1	86.6
VIII	39	37.2	34.2	91.9
IX	35	33.3	30.1	90.39
X	31	30.6	26.3	85.9
XI	22	20.8	17.1	82.2
XII	20	20.1	17.	84.57
XIII	17	16.2	14.1	87.

ENROLLMENT OF GRADES

Table II

	Oct. 1915	Oct. 1916
Beechwood Schools		
Grades I-II-III	19	17
Osgood School		
Grade I	52	46
II	47	45
III	40	37
IV	50	47
V	42	49

V-VI	32	27
VI-VII	42	49
VII-VIII	33	40
VIII	39	38
IX	34	35
X	30	30
XI	19	25
XII	20	16
XIII	16	19
Total	515	520

RETURNS TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1915–1916

Population, State Census, 1915	2,800
Valuation as of April 1, 1915	$9,875,915

Teaching Staff in Public Day Schools, Elementary and High January 1, 1916:

Principals	1
Supervisors	1
Teachers	19
Total	21

Pupils in Public Day Schools, High and Elementary, year ending June 30, 1916:

Pupils Enrolled	525
Aggregate Days' Attendance	78,896
Average Daily Attendance	449
Average number of days in session	176
Average Membership	501

School Census, Sept. 1, 1915:

Persons 5 to 7 years	83
Persons 7 to 17 years	328
Persons 14 to 16 years	77

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Cohasset, Feb. 1, 1917

Board of Selectmen, Cohasset:

Gentlemen: Following is my fifth annual report as inspector of wires.

There were two small fires from electrical causes during the past year, one caused from lightning following the service wires into a house; the other, sawdust collecting inside a motor became ignited. In both cases the loss was nominal.

The inspection of house and building wiring has progressed as usual. About 400 permits for wiring of various kinds were issued and upward of 500 inspections made. One case of violation of the law covering licensing of electricians was discovered and settled out of court.

One electrician was taken before the State Board of Electrical Examiners for dangerous and faulty work, and at the request of the wire inspector his case placed on file. An up-to-date card system was installed last May, and all the records of the Wire Department are in good condition and open to the inspection of any one interested at any time.

The outside plant is in good condition and the usual good rate of progress has been made. The local force of the Electric Light Company have worked with the Wire Inspector to effect many improvements, and a very pleasing spirit of co-operation has existed during the past year. Over 100 defects of various nature of outside plant have been reported by the Wire Department to the different companies involved.

The Hingham Municipal Light Department are relocating their poles on Hull street which will remove a dangerous condition existing at present, owing to the poor condition of the present poles.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company will install considerable additional cable this season, thus replacing certain ring wiring and open wires to good advantage.

The Electric Light & Power Company of Abington and Rockland have replaced most of the old hard pine poles which remained within the town limits. A new wiring system is in process of installation through the town.

The N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. are putting in a block signal system which is paralleled by a 2300 volt circuit to furnish the current to operate the signals. As these feed wires cross electric light and telephone wires and cables in several instances, care must be exercised to prevent danger in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

G. JASON, Jr.

Superintendent of Wires.